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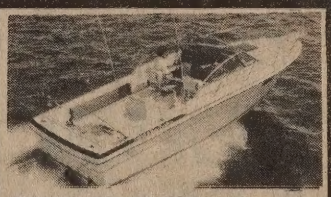

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Three Long Islanders, whose lifetime contributions in serving the maritime heritage of the Fire Island area, will be memorialized upon completion of the restoration of the Fire Island Lighthouse, it was announced today by Thomas F. Roberts III, of West Islip, president of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

"Upon the untimely passing of each of these three very special Island residents," Roberts said, "the Society's Board of Directors received numerous recommendations from friends of the deceased to honor them as part of the effort now underway to restore and relight the landmark Lighthouse. Over $133,000 of the $460,000 contributed so far for the restoration program, has been donated in honor of the three persons concerned," Roberts said. "We have been holding these designated funds in escrow" he added, "but at the April meeting of the Society Directors, with the concurrence of the families of the deceased, we endorsed their commemoration in the restoration of three separate areas of the Lighthouse complex.

The three persons to be honored are:

Norma Murray Ervin, who died on February 24, 1984 at the age of 67 after a long illness. Mrs. Ervin was a

IN MEMORY OF ANDY REGINA

The death of Andy Regina on April 26th, came as a sad blow to all members of The Fisherman staff, its readers, and scores of friends from the angling community. Always willing to lend a hand or help a worthy cause, Andy was a man without enemies. That he was a gentleman perhaps speaks best for the way he lived his life.

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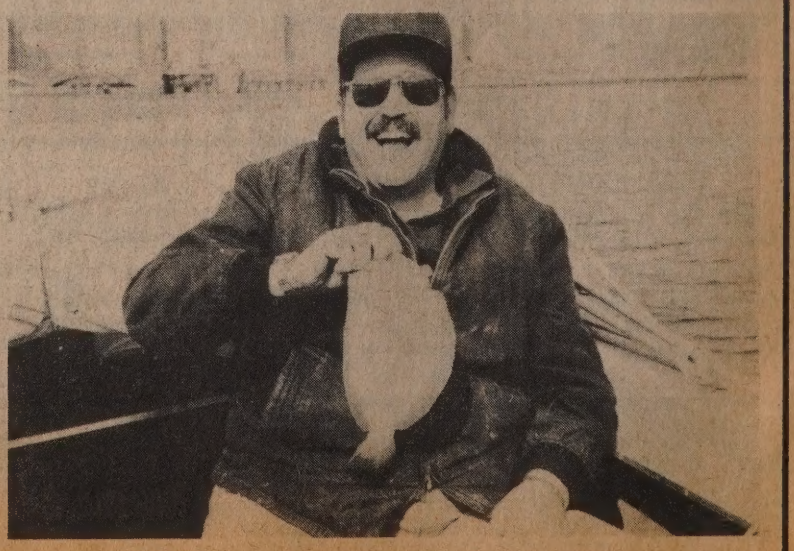
We will all miss his work, though we will publish the few pieces that remain in our files because Andy would have wanted it that way. Sharing his knowledge with readers was always foremost in his writing philosophy.

It is Andy Regina, the man, who will be missed most of all.

—Fred Golofaro.



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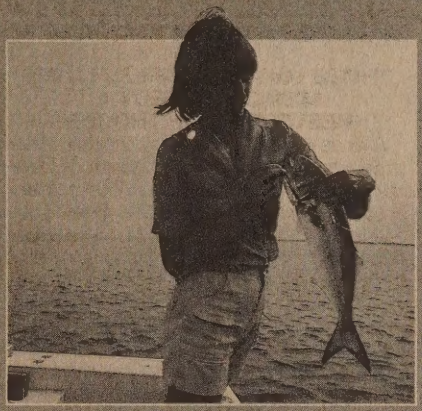

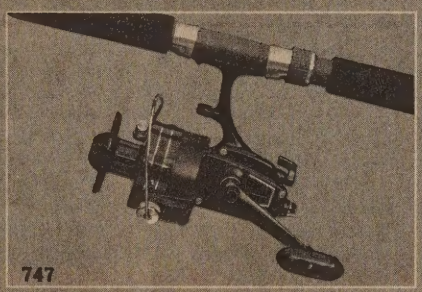

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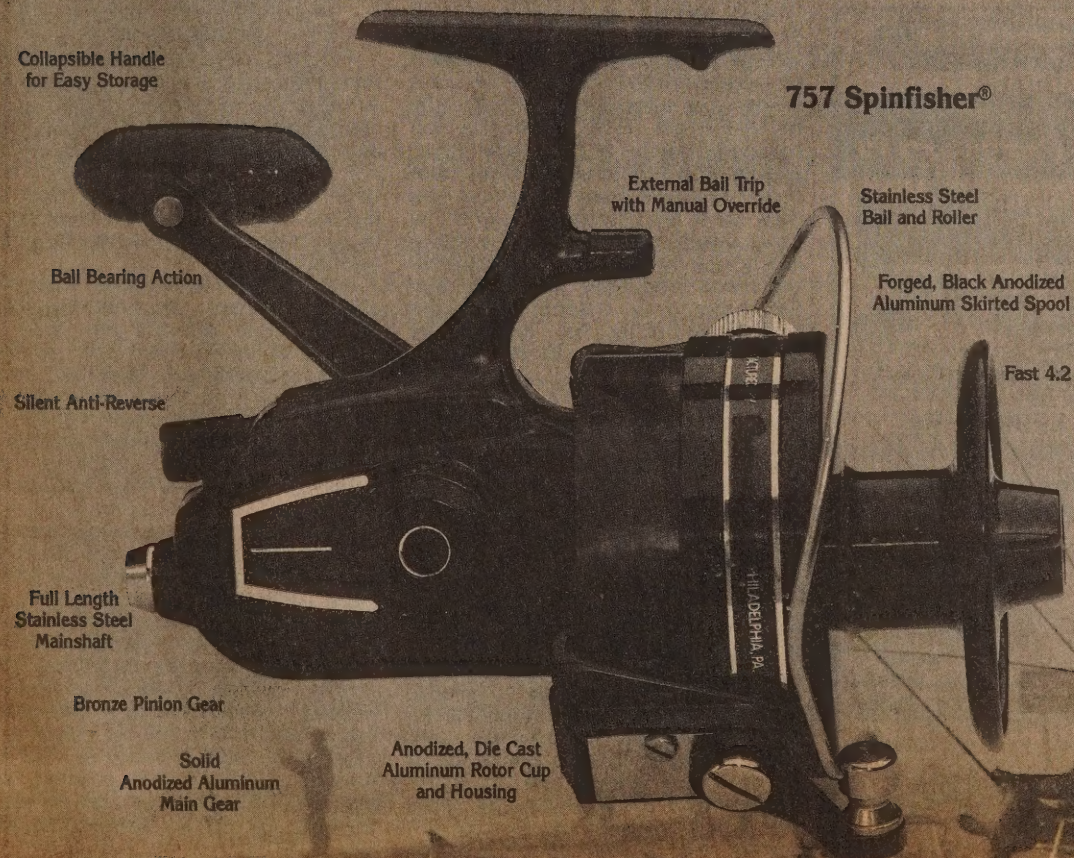
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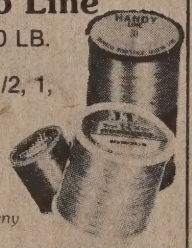

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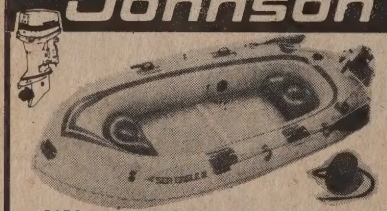

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former Mayor of Saltaire Village on Fire Island and president of the Fire Island Association representing the 15 of the 17 barrier beach communities. She was active in Saltaire government for 30 years, serving between 1972 and 1976 as village trustee, deputy major and police commissioner and from 1976 to 1980 as a two-term mayor. During World War II she organized and served as chief of the "Who's Who" section of the Special Branch of the Military Intelligence Service in the Pentagon and she participated in the second series of war crimes trials at Nuremberg in 1946 and 1947. She was a founder and director of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, a not-for-profit organization formed to restore and relight the deteriorating Lighthouse now under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

F. Barton Hose, a Suffolk County police deputy inspector, a native of Bay Shore and a 20-year veteran of the police department. For the last three years of his life he had been commander of the 100-member Marine Division. He died in December, 1983 at the age of 45 at the Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital. More than 100 police officers at Suffolk, Nassau and New York donated blood for the leukemia stricken officer. Hose had been commander of the Suffolk County Police Academy for three years when he was transferred to the Marine Bureau in 1980.

Captain Elmer "Pat" Patterson, called a "living example of a Fire Island Legend," who died on August 3, 1982 at the age of 78. As a youngster growing up on Fire Island, he worked with his father in the boatyards and as a deckhand on the ferries. From 1928, when he left college where he studied mechanical engineering, he was involved with boats, first as a marine engineer and then as a ferry company owner on Long Island. He served as a naval officer during World War II. Eventually he owned a fleet of 15 boats and the company he helped found, the Fire Island Ferries, Inc., is today the largest ferry service to the barrier island.

"These three individuals were highly visible and respected by their fellow residents of the Fire Island area," says Roberts. "They were hard-working achievers, whose love of life was centered on the nautical tradition of Long Island. They all loved Fire Island and the Lighthouse. It is most fitting that their achievements and popularity be commemorated in perpetuity by their neighbors who knew and loved them dearly."

Roberts stated that the renovation of the former lightkeeper's cottage, which will be restored and converted into a Visitors Information and Exhibit Center, will be dedicated to Norma Ervin. The restoration of the Watch Room of the Lighthouse tower will honor Inspector Hose and the restoration of the Lantern Deck of the tower will memorialize Captain Patterson. The names of those friends of the honorees who have contributed to the respective memorial funds thereby making possible the three projects, will be displayed. Special exhibits depicting the achievements of the honorees will also be erected at the Visitors Center.

Those wishing to add their names as sponsors may do so by sending their contribution to the Memorial Fund of their choice, c/o the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, P.O. Box 373, 99 Maple Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706 or by delivering it to the Society offices at the Fire Island Ferries Terminal Building at that address. For further information, the Society's telephone number is (516) 968-8899.

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ANTI-HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN GENERATES TIDE OF LEGISLATION

For the past two years, hunters, fishermen and trappers throughout American have been on the offense against the anti-hunting movement. Sick and tired of being the brunt of anti-hunting attacks, sportsmen nationally have generated a wave of legislation outlawing the harassment of outdoorsmen and women by anti-hunting zealots.

Harassment of hunters, trappers and fishermen by anti-hunting, animal rights activists has been a major problem in some parts of the nation. Harassment activities have ranged from full-blown anti-hunting demonstrations, to small bands of anti-hunters who physically confront individual hunters, trappers or fishermen, as well as small groups of sportsmen.

The legislation came in response to a campaign initiated by the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America in 1982. Since the kick-off of the program, at least nine states have passed laws which specifically prohibit hunter harassment. They are Louisiana, Michigan, Maine, New Hampshire, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Vermont, South Dakota and Illinois. Most are based on a model provided by WLFA. Arizona, which in 1981 enacted the nation's first such law, makes an even 10 states which have outlawed hunter harassment.

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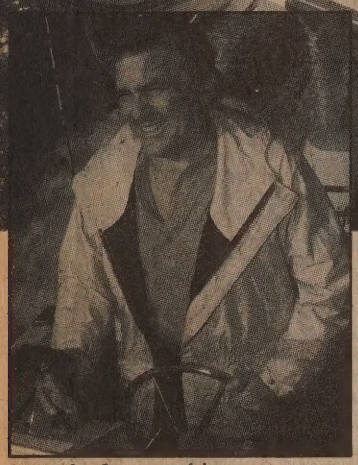

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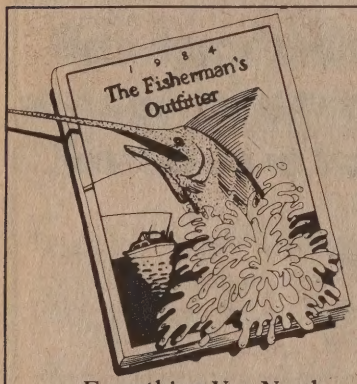

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have seen introduction of anti-harassment bills based on the WLFA model. They are New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Minnesota, Washington, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri and Montana. An Alaska anti-harassment bill cleared the legislature in 1983, but was vetoed by the governor. A new bill, expected to be signed by the governor, has been introduced in that state. Arkansas in 1983 passed, then repealed, an anti-harassment law. The repeal was a result of landowner pressures. Some agriculture and timber interests mistakenly believed the law would have prevented the eviction of trespassers.

"More and more, this problem has been coming to our attention," said WLFA President James G. Glass. "We were receiving a number of angry letters and phone calls from sportsmen who had been subjected to the harassment campaigns orchestrated by anti-hunting organizations. They wanted to react, if harassment of sportsmen was illegal under existing law. The research showed that additional anti-harassment laws were needed: While hunt saboteurs might be prosecuted under existing law, chances of bringing convictions would be enhanced if laws were on the books which specifically banned harassmen of sportsmen.

"Our staff drafted a model anti-harassment bill that might be easily adapted to the legislative style of any state," Glass said. "We then circulated the model to sportsmen's groups nationwide, as well as to state wildlife agencies and the outdoor press. Almost immediately, we began receiving requests for lobbying help on these bills. The hunter harassment problem appeared to be greater than we had originally thought."

The anti-harassment campaign has raised the ire of the animal rights organizations which promote hunter harassment. The Humane Society of the United States, for example, in its Summer, 1983 edition of **The Humane Society News'**, carried a center-spread feature article titled "Anti-Hunter Harassment Legislation: A Threat to All Americans." The New Jersey-based Friends of Animals has led lobbying drives to defeat anti-harassment bills in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey and other states. Cleveland Amory, self-proclaimed guru of the anti-hunting movement and President of the Fund for Animals, in a 1983 letter to members wrote, "State legislators should be addressed on those incredible 'hunter harassment' bills which are being foisted on state legislatures by the gunmen's so-called Wildlife Legislative Fund." Amory called the legislation "bare-faced efforts to promote the 'sport' of hunting'."

"While we're delighted that Amory spelled our name correctly in his letter," said Glass, "we find even deeper satisfaction in knowing that sportsmen all over America are creating serious problems for anti-hunting organizations. Sportsmen are forcing the anti-hunting groups to expend funds in a defensive effort. We expect this campaign to grow and we intend to keep it up until every state that has been faced with the problem has enacted an anti-hunter harassment statute."

For more information about the WLFA, its anti-harassment campaign or other programs, contact Rick Story, director of communications, the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43214; (614) 221-2684.

IN MEMORIAM

Members of the Great South Bay Anglers Club and L.I.B.B.A. were deeply saddened by the recent death of longtime member, Curt Hambsch.

An avid surfcaster for most of his life, Curt was well respected for his angling prowess, but even more so for his kind and gentlemanly nature. Those of us fortunate enough to have fished alongside him, will miss the ready smile and gentle approach that characterized the man.

May Heaven's beaches be long, sandy and white and the winds always gentle. **—F.G.**

BAY SHORE MAKO TOURNEY SET FOR JUNE 23-24

The Bay Shore Tuna Club is pleased to again invite all fishing clubs and anglers to participate in the Mako Tournament to be held at Bay Shore on June 23rd and 24th. Entries to be limited to 150 boats—first come, first served. Due to tremendous demand for entries and trying to be fair with all, applications are being accepted as of now. ONLY ONE 3-boat team PER CLUB will be allowed. Each entry must have a VHF FM-Channel 72.

As in last year's tournament, pre-designated club teams will be competing for club prizes and all anglers may compete for individual prizes.

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A meeting of anglers will be held on Friday night, June 22 at Capt. Bill's Anchorage, Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, New York at 8PM sharp. At this time, boat numbers, tournament badges and literature will be distributed. General conduct and questions concerning the tournament and rules

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ASMFC ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF STRIPED BASS WORKSHOP

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Chairman Ralph Abele has announced the results of the recent workshop conducted by the Striped Bass Statistics and Scientific Committee at Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Biologists from all twelve states participating in striped bass management planning as well as scientists from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rigorously examined and quantified the proposals of each state to achieve a 55 percent reduction in fishing effort (exploitation rate) over recent levels. This reduction in fishing effort was earlier agreed to by all twelve states' fisheries managers as an addendum to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Plan which was approved late in 1981. The workshop was chaired by Randall Fairbanks, Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

"Everyone is in agreement that the striped bass resource that originates in Chesapeake Bay is in serious trouble," Mr. Abele noted. "There are a number of proposals to correct the current decline including a declaration of endangered or threatened status by the Department of Commerce, an immediate three-year moratorium proposed by Congresswoman Schneider of Rhode Island and legislative proposals by Senator Chafee of Rhode Island and Congressman Studds of Massachusetts that put teeth into the current planning effort being undertaken by the Commission. We feel that implementation of the Plan and adoption of the additional effort reduction program is an essential step toward reversing the current decline of this important species."

"I'm pleased with the results of the workshop," Abele noted, "and although some of the states may have fallen short in the strict sense, it is evident that there is a strong commitment by all to achieve the necessary reduction in effort and rebuild this important resource."

In summary, three states (NH, MA, NC) offered proposals that will achieve a quantifiable 55 percent reduction in exploitation rates of their present fisheries as modified by the Striped Bass Management Plan.

• Three states offered proposals that were quantifiable but achieved less than a 55 percent reduction in fishing mortality rates (NY-5%; MD-27% in 1984, 47.5% by 1985; VA-35% in 1984). It should be noted that New York will have full regulatory authority by 1985 in order to address the effort reduction mandate. New York must deal with the dilemma of addressing fishing effort reductions while facing an abundant striped bass

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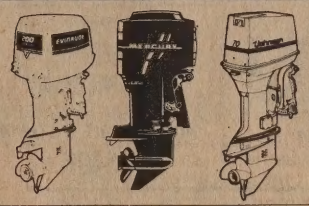

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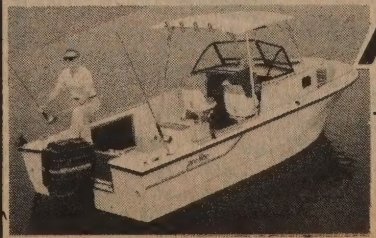

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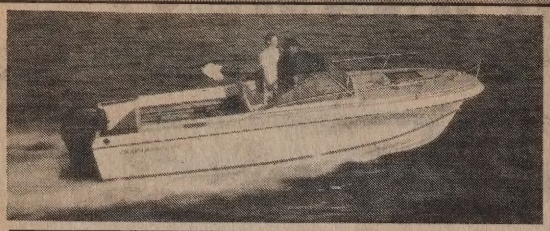

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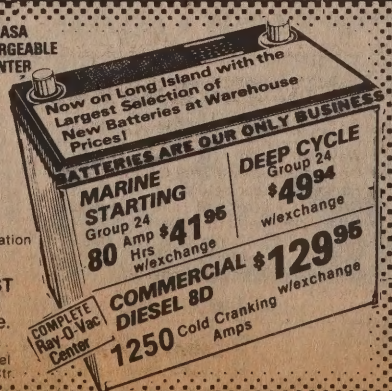

stock in the Hudson River.

• Proposals of four states (ME, RI, CT, NJ) and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission were rated as contributing to the desired reduction but not quantifiable. It should be noted that proposals in this category are not necessarily inadequate but rather lack sufficient data on which to judge their real effectiveness.

Intuitively, these five proposals appear to contribute to significant reductions in fishing mortality rates that may, in some instances, exceed 55 percent.

• Delaware and Pennsylvania offered no official proposals at the workshop to curtail exploitation rates. Delaware has legislation pending that would fully implement the plan by 1985. Pennsylvania has subsequently implemented the plan by adopting a 26 inch total length minimum size provision in the Delaware River estuary and Bay.

In concluding, Abele indicated he has requested that the Striped Bass Management Board meet in late May to take final action on the states' proposals. In the interim, he and Phil Coates, Chairman of that Board, will be urging the states to begin immediately to implement their proposals, some of which, he noted, are already in place. Those states that fall short of the 55 percent reduction goal will be urged to review and update their strategies accordingly.

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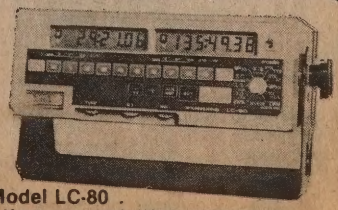

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by Eileen Regina

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Today's recipe calls for the use of an anise-flavored liqueur. French chefs lean towards Pernod (got that? Lean towards Pernod!), while Italian chefs favor Anisette or Anesone, all liqueurs with an anise flavor. When I make this, I usually steal a sip or two of the sweet stuff for myself as it is a delicious drink. A couple of times Andy came home from work as I was doing so, and joined right in; so we'd slow down the cooking a bit while we had our break, relaxing from the day's pressures. When this got to be a habit (Andy kept asking for shad when I asked him what kind of fish to cook!), we cut it out before it got too out of hand; but the name for this particular recipe still stands. It is our "Happy Hour Shad" and we offer it to you with a warning that too much sauce could be hazardous to your health!

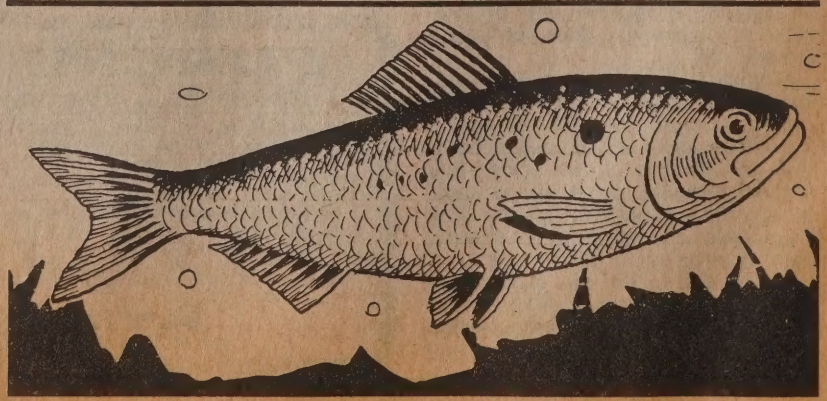
HAPPY HOUR SHAD

2 large shad fillets (scaled and boned, but not skinned)
4 tbs. melted butter
1 tbs. lemon juice (squeezed from fresh lemon, preferably)
1/2 tsp. dry chervil
1 tbs grated onion
1 tbs minced parsley
dash of Tabasco, to taste
salt to taste
2 tbs. Pernod (or some other anise-flavored liqueur)

Place shad fillets, skin side down, on an oiled broiler pan. Combine all ingredients except liqueur, and brush fillets with mixture. Place in a pre-heated broiler (about 375 degrees) for about a couple of minutes, about 4 inches from the flame and broil. (Remember, only a couple of minutes!)

Add Pernod (or other liqueur) to remaining mixture, blend well, then brush each fillet with this mixture once or twice. Continue broiling for another 3 or 4 minutes until fish is done and flakes easily to the fork. When serving, brush each fillet with any remaining Pernod mixture and pan juices. If you don't have any more of this mixture left at this time, it means that you drank too much and didn't use enough for cooking.

A nice tossed salad goes well here, with French dressing if you used Pernod, or Italian dressing if you used Anisette, in keeping with the Continental theme. Crusty bread, again either French or Italian, and black coffee complement the dinner, with your after-dinner cordial being you-know-what! Enjoy.



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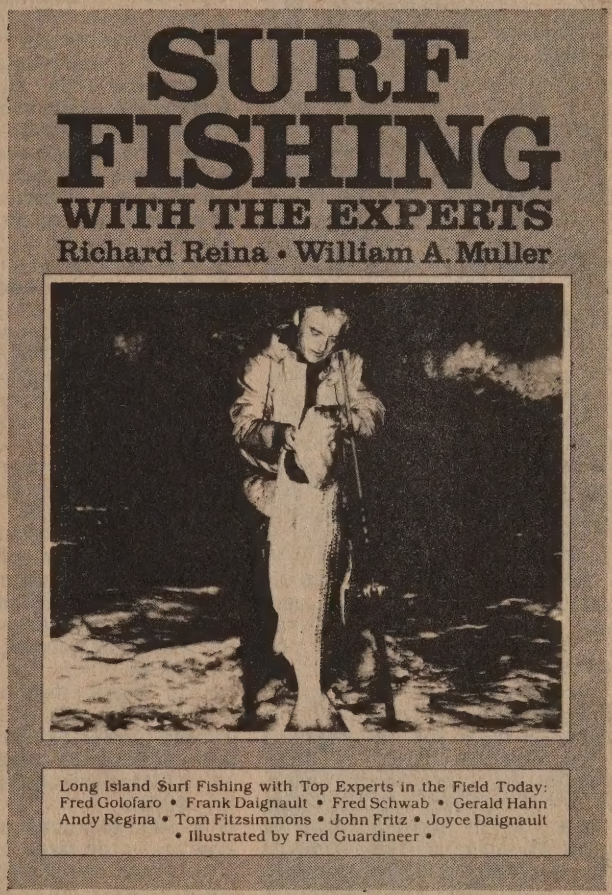
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COMMENTS TO NEW YORK DEC ON WEAKFISH PLAN DEVELOPMENT

by William A. Muller

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Muller has recently been named a member of the Citizen's Board to the DEC concerning coastal management of weakfish *(Cynoscion regalis)*.

Introduction:

Weakfish are historically a cyclical species, fluctuating between great abundance and scarcity in the waters of New York (Webber, 1984; Wilk, 1979). *Cynoscion regalis* is also a very important marine finfish resource for both the commercial and recreational user groups (Webber, 1984), thus mandating development and implementation of a coastal management plan for the species. Furthermore, the cycle of abundance and decline appears to span 30 to 40 years (Mercer, 1983). A shorter cycle, perhaps a decade, would avoid extremes in stock sizes thus mitigating a more stable fishery. Finally, increased fishing pressure for the species from both recreational and commercial users in the most recent period of abundance, has increased mortality in dominant year classes. The effect of increased fishing pressure and associated mortality has had the greatest impact on the recreational users. Radovich (1975) reports that because of the inefficiency of hook and line methods and the selective nature of these techniques, harvests among recreational anglers, for any species, decline sooner and more rapidly than commercial harvests. These insights explain why New York State commercial weakfish landings have been consistent since 1971 (Webber, 1984), while recreational harvests have declined precipitously since the late 1970s *(The Long Island Fisherman* Fishing Reports and Surveys).

Management of the species will require the application of diverse strategies in response to an anastomosis of recruitment patterns and harvest practices along the coast.

Problems to be Addressed by the Plan:

1. Diverse harvest practices. Directed fishery for small weakfish (for pet food) in North Carolina, larger adults most important in New England (Mercer, 1983).
2. Waste associated with the North Carolina shrimp fishery. In the period 1969 through 1971, 5.4 pounds of small weakfish harvested per pound of shrimp (Wolff, 1972).
3. Two races of northern weakfish.
   - **a)** Different scale characteristics and dorsal fin ray counts between southern and northern samples (Mercer, 1983; Nesbitt, 1939).
   - **b)** Races intermix (Perlmutter, et al, 1956).
   - **c)** Evidence for two races, overlapping ranges, migratory pattern changes with age (Wilk, 1979).
4. Rate of harvest of dominant year classes is too rapid.
5. There needs to be full recognition of the economic and leisure time value of the recreational industry: i.e., 1980—New York: 2.1×10^6 lbs. by recreational anglers; 1982—New York: 1.2×10^6 lbs. by commercial fishermen.
6. Proliferation of pound nets and gill netting for weakfish since 1970 in New York waters.
7. 30 to 40 year cycle of abundance and scarcity.

Goals of the Plan:

1. Increase understanding of the biology of the species and the factors affecting the fishery.
2. Develop management recommendations that address regional differences in the fishery, without compromising the vitality of the stocks, but will maximize the probability of adoption by Atlantic Coast States.
3. Ensure recognition of the social and economic importance of the species to recreational fishermen with full realization of the selective and fish density dependent nature of hook and line methods.
4. Promote compatible regulations between the territorial seas and the FCZ (fish over four years winter on shelf [Wilk, 1979]).
5. Eliminate wasteful harvests associated with southern directed fishery for small fish and scrap fishery associated with southern shrimp fishery (in lieu of enormous economic benefit of larger fish via commercial and recreational harvests, and social value of species to marine recreational anglers).
6. Develop recommendations to eliminate social conflict on inshore grounds seasonally between commercial and recreational users.

Solutions (order to Solutions correlates to order of Problems):

1. Regulation to require trawl fishery to use 76-83 mm. (3-3.5 inch) cod-end mesh size to retain recruitment for age III (Austin, 1979).
2. Require use of a separator trawl in shrimp fishery. This relatively new technology would decrease markedly the mortality of small weakfish associated with the shrimp fishery while rendering shrimp fishery more cost-effective via reduced culling.
3. Management regulations should differ slightly from southern states to some mid-Atlantic and New England states. Regulations in northern states should reflect the "boom and bust" nature of the cycle of the northern race and protect fish less than four

TABLE I
LANDINGS, COMPARISONS IN 3 THREE YEAR PERIODS, SOUTHERN VS. NORTHERN

YEAR	MVN	NDN	MVN-NDN	TOTAL	MVN-NDN % OF TOTAL
1937	21,222	12,264	8,958	33,486	26.75
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1939	16,399	7,927	8,472	32,798	25.83
1951	3,475	2,783	692	6,250	9.96
1952	3,415	2,624	791	6,830	11.58
1953	4,181	3,002	1,179	8,362	14.10
1972	10,229	5,416	4,813	20,258	23.53
1973	11,861	4,166	7,695	23,722	32.44
1974	9,529	4,394	5,135	13,923	36.88

(After Wilk, 1979)
MVN = Combined landings Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina.
NDN = Combined landings New York, Delaware, New Jersey.

years old in southern waters.

4. All regulations should aim to reduce mortality so that dominant year classes last as long as possible, thus spreading out the economic and social values of the species across a greater time span, maintaining a more stable market value for the species and a more stable catch per unit effort for recreational anglers.

Abundance Cycle	Duration of Abundance
1880-1897 (Webber, 1984)	20 years
1934-1950	16 years
1970-1980	10 years

The preceding chart indicates strongly that the next period of abundance can be anticipated in the period 2000-2020. Further, the data suggests that increased demand for food fish and increased numbers of recreational fishermen could reduce the duration of abundance to about five years if suitable and meaningful management methods are not implemented. Under the terms of the above high mortality scenario, one could only guess as to the billions of dollars that could potentially be lost to both the commercial and recreational industries.

5. Allocate management responsibility to both user groups and allocate the resource according to:

a) potential for depletion
b) economic value
c) traditional % harvests where they were not exploitive (i.e., scrap and shrimp fisheries).

6. Reduce the number of pound nets per linear mile, prohibit gill netting in certain areas at times of high vulnerability, perhaps prohibit harvests by these methods in New York waters until June 1st of each year.

7. We cannot likely change Nature's natural "boom and bust" cycle for this species. However, we can reduce mortality, thus structuring a climate wherein the value of dominant year class can span about 20 years at a significant level. The following benefits accrue:

a) shorter "bust" period. Ten to twenty years instead of 25 to 35 years.
b) higher and more stable prices for commercial fishermen.
c) more consistent harvests for a much longer period of time.
d) better and more consistent recreational success for a longer period of time.
e) more stability in the economic value of weakfish in the recreational industry.
f) more consistent availability of the product to consumers at a fair price.

8. Size regulations and recreational bag limits. Considering the work of Radovich (1975), there is some question about the need for recreational bag limits. Perhaps a meaningful size limit would be an even more effective method of reducing mortality of the species that results from recreational activity. The last survey relative to this issue was done by Nesbit (1939) in which he reports an average catch of 5.5 weakfish per person among 96,000 anglers who landed 530,000 weakfish over a five-month period. These data also suggest a bag limit would not be an effective management tool.

Additional Comments on the Hypothesis of Distinct Atlantic Coast Races of Weakfish:

Although workers disagree as to whether two or more races of northern weakfish exist, I have been impressed by certain characteristics of the fishery and the knowledge that fish older than age 4 no longer migrate south to winter off Virginia and North Carolina (Wilk, 1979).

This shift in migratory patterns with age causes races to mix and could confuse an accurate conclusion regarding race status.

However, I propose the following statistics in support of the hypothesis of at least two races. In my analysis I have used three, three-year periods that carry us from species abundance to scarcity to abundance.

Using landings data (Wilk, 1979), I disregarded landings from Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida as being relatively insignificant. I have reorganized the data so as to separate the data into northern and southern landings, considering New York, New Jersey, and Delaware (NDN) as northern landings, and Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina (MVN) as southern landings.

Table I shows the difference in northern and southern landings (MVN-NDN), and the last column shows this difference as a percentage of total landings for these categories. For the period 1937-1939, the percent of total catch was between 25.83% and 29.84%. For the period 1951-1953 the percent ranged from 9.96% to 14.10%. For the period 1972-1974, the percent was up again to a range of 23.53% to 36.88%.

I maintain that if only one race exists, the percentage difference would remain the same. The halving of the percentage during periods of decline suggests a failure of the northern race to recruit successfully, that southern race recruitment is more stable, and that total landings data in southern regions increases and decreases because of intermingling of weakfish less than age 4 and the large harvests of small weakfish in southern states.

It might be convenient to assume the statistical differences are due solely to a chance failure of fish in northern states to recruit, yet this assumption presumes a 30-40 year environmental cycle (for which there is no evidence), and does not explain why more southern-spawned fish do not migrate north in response to decreasing competition for food and space.

I believe these data and the hypothesis need further analysis and consideration.

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FISHERMAN ARTICLE AT HEART OF MARYLAND CONTROVERSY

by Dick Russell

The striped bass seems to bring out the best in some people; the worst in others. Jim Uphoff, a fisheries biologist for the Maryland Tidewater Administration, who's devoted himself to helping probe the reasons for the striper's decline, had his work featured in the April 23rd issue of Sports Illustrated Magazine. But his political bosses have apparently not only failed to appreciate his work, but have been harassing him for the past several months over a management controversy that never involved him in the first place.

This unseemly saga dates back to an article by this writer which appeared in the December 2, 1983 issue of **The Fisherman**, headlined "Controversy Over Maryland Bass Plan." Basically, the article shed light upon the reality behind Maryland fisheries officials' claims that their new proposals would reduce Maryland's striped bass harvest by 55 percent. According to a source within the Tidewater Administration, the truth was that these proposals amounted to no more than a 10 to 20 percent reduction. A "senior biologist," whose identity I did not disclose, was quoted at some length about his disenchantment with the Administration's policies.

Later that month, at a meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Striped Bass Board in Baltimore, once again Maryland officials were proudly touting their proposals and urging all the other states to hop on their bandwagon. Outraged at this deception, I obtained permission to address the fisheries managers. I proceeded to inform them that, based on statements made by biologists within the Maryland Administration, the information being presented was simply not accurate. I then read aloud some of the quotes from my piece in The Fisherman.

In response, Lee Zeni, chief of the Tidewater Administration, shouted back at me: "You're calling me a liar!" I said, "I didn't use that word, Mr. Zeni." He added, "You tell me the name of that biologist and I'll fire him in the morning!" I said, "I'm under no obligation to do that, Mr. Zeni."

A few days later, Zeni had his second-in-command George Krantz dispatch an internal memorandum to biologist Jim Uphoff. I had known Jim for some time, had accompanied him on the annual Chesapeake Bay young-of-the-year survey, and had asked him to be one of the speakers at a major conference on the striper's plight in Washington on December 12th. He had attended the conference, spoken briefly, and said nothing that might be construed as critical of his superiors. But the memorandum blatantly accused him of being the source quoted in my article. This was an assumption based on not a shred of evidence, and indeed it wasn't true. It was another biologist who had expressed his views to me, back in October.

Uphoff denied being responsible for The Fisherman remarks. But on December 22nd, a second memo went out to all Fisheries Division staff, titled "Conflicts Between Personal Attitudes and Departmental Position." This memo described my remarks to the coastal Board as "a very embarrassing and intolerable incident (which) occurred as a result of indiscretion on the part of one or more Fisheries Division staff."

The memo went on to place what amounted to a "gag order" on any member of the staff discussing "his personal views on striped bass with the press or other individuals." It concluded: "In summary, the zealous nature of sportswriters and media persons will not provide the level of discretion and judgment needed to permit Fisheries personnel to remain anonymous. We cannot accept the existence of such a divergent set of viewpoints that can be misconstrued to be 'Departmental policy'. I am not suggesting that you compromise any biological data that you possess, just that you accurately represent it..."

This memo, an outrageous infringement upon basic First Amendment rights, soon found its way into the hands of newspapermen with The Baltimore Sun, Annapolis Capitol and Boston Globe. Several articles were written about this latest clash between politics and science. There the matter might have ended, had not Maryland officials continued a vindictive campaign against an innocent victim.

Two months after the "incident" in Baltimore between myself and Zeni, Uphoff was confronted by his bosses with a phone bill showing a call to my number in Boston on December 2nd. This, they claimed, appeared to be

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the "smoking gun" that confirmed their suspicions. Had they thought to check further, they might have discovered that the issue of The Fisherman containing the article in question had gone to press on November 28th. My phone conversation with Uphoff on December 2nd focused almost entirely upon the feasibility of whether Maryland's proposed massive hatchery program would really be a solution for the striper; he said it was foolish to assume that it would.

At any rate, after presenting Uphoff with the phone bill, Zeni then took him aside for what Jim calls a "counseling session." "He tried to scare me into confessing. He told me, 'There are procedures to dismiss you, but we're letting you go this time'." Uphoff responded, "It wasn't me. You have problems with your entire staff."

Then, late in March, a Tidewater official inquired at the state Attorney General's office about whether unwarranted telephone calls were grounds for dismissal of an employee. The official was told only, "They could be." Figuring that they had grounds, a Tidewater administrator approached Verna Harrison, an assistant secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. She turned down their request. Again, Uphoff was confronted with this bit of glad tidings. Reports on this absolutely unnecessary, unfounded procedure were placed in his personnel file—a black mark should he indeed ever leave his job, for whatever reasons, and seek employment elsewhere.

Fed up, Uphoff finally decided he had no alternative but legal recourse. He contacted a local attorney, Monroe Mizell, and set about filing a grievance complaint charging harassment by the Maryland Tidewater Administration. A few years back, Mizell had been the attorney in a similar case brought by an employee in the Maryland Wildlife Administration. The result? The boss, who was widely rumored to be running roughshod over his employees, got fired.

Just as a footnote, as to the origin of all this uproar, it should be noted that Zeni admitted to another reporter back in December that the 55 percent figure was really **not** correct. Maybe there's a message in all this somewhere. When you try to cover up the truth, it comes back on you in the end. In looking for a scapegoat for your own folly, a comedy of errors can be the anticipated result.

Jim Uphoff is back on the Maryland rivers this spring, doing his annual survey on striper spawning success. One can only hope that he won't continue to suffer for something he never created. For my part, I don't regret a single word I said to the coastal managers and Lee Zeni. The future of the striped bass is a lot more important than the reputation of an administrator who sees his task as pleasing a handful of greedy net fishermen, rather than saving a resource.

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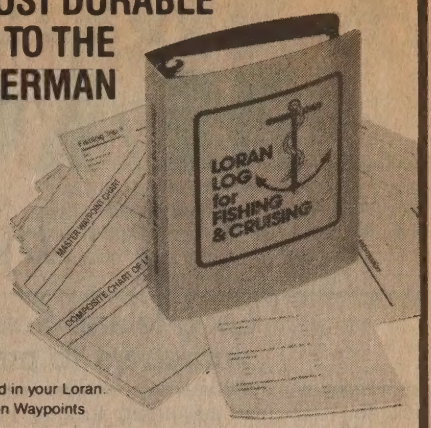

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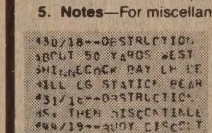
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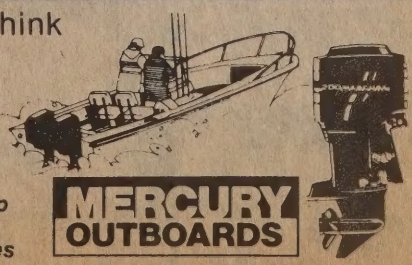

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A SOUND BET FOR MACKEREL

by Tom Schlichter

Long Island Sound anglers can count on hordes of these scrappers to provide plenty of entertainment this month.

The fog was just beginning to rise from the waters of Lloyd Harbor as the Lady Lill steamed eastward. The mates scurried from bow to stern preparing each rod for the jigging that would soon begin, while several of the paying fares lined the starboard rail, vainly straining their eyes in search of surface feeding mackerel. Tying multiple hook rigs to rented boat rods, the mates explained the techniques necessary for successful jigging to novice and experienced anglers alike.

The sun was finally burning through the remaining haze as the party boat's engines slowed to a sputter. The toot of her high-pitched horn signaled the descent of a brigade of mackerel trees toward the bottom as eager fishermen lowered their lines into the 60 foot depths. Before the first ladles of chum were spooned overboard, the cries of "fish on" had echoed across the port side. In no time at all, macks in the two pound class were coming over the rail; in some instances, three or four at a clip!

Perhaps no fish common to the north shore of Long Island epitomizes the word action more than does the feisty mackerel. These miniature facsimiles of the tuna family invade the waters of Long Island Sound each May in great hordes, chasing schools of sand eels ahead of them. They, in turn, are being pursued by an armada of fishermen and schools of newly arrived bluefish.

Although relatively small in stature compared to some of their better known relatives (albacore, bonito and some tunas actually belong to the mackerel family), the mackerel possesses the same qualities of speed and heart as these larger species, making them worthy adversaries on properly matched gear.

Based on quality or quantity, the mack grades an A in my book. Lacking a swim bladder, these pelagic fish are constantly on the move lest they sink to the bottom. Naturally, all this movement generates a great deal of hunger which, in turn, creates an ideal situation for anglers.

By the first week of May, macks have begun to filter into the Sound in astounding numbers. At the height of the run, millions of them will fill these waters providing fishermen with an all too brief period of red hot action. All this crowding and hunger combine to make the mackerel an extremely greedy and aggressive character when it comes to supper time.

As any mackerel fisherman will tell you, macks probably respond better to artificials than any other fish in our waters, most days preferring lures to real bait. This is great for those fishermen looking to fill their freezers as no time is lost to re-baiting.

The choice rig among mackerel fishermen looking for quantity catches is a multi-hook setup known as a "mackerel tree." These can be homemade or purchased from virtually any tackle shop on the Island for two or three dollars.

For the home engineer, construction begins with the choice of a stiff length of 40 pound test leader headed by a black barrel swivel and trailed by an end loop. Three or four dropper loops are tied into the line roughly 12 to 16 inches apart and to these are attached small mackerel tube lures. Depending on how many tubes you choose to tie in, this rig will vary in length from 3½ to 5½ feet. A diamond jig or bank sinker is then attached to the end loop completing the "tree." Although red tubes are most popular, many find green tubes equally effective.

Triple-headers are not uncommon when the action heats up.

Mackerel trees are worked in two differing fashions. They can be jigged at a stationary depth with one to three foot lifts of the rod or quickly retrieved with sporadic jerks thrown in to add spice.

Since mackerel can be found at almost any depth between the bottom and surface, the most important factor in provoking strikes is to locate the level at which they are feeding. Once this depth has been isolated, even the novice angler should experience fast action. Until the fish have been found, I recommend the quick retrieve method as it covers all possible depths. Once the first hits are felt, make a mental note of the depth and employ standard jigging.

Sturdy boat rods and conventional reels are the choice of most fishermen when using mackerel trees. Lines testing 25 to 30 pounds are the norm. At first glance this may appear a mismatch for the poor mackerel. Surely a two pound mack can't fight hard enough to warrant the use of 30 pound gear. I agree ,100 percent on that point, but when you consider the possibility of hooking three or four macks at the same time, the need for heavy tackle becomes apparent. Four, two pound mackerel hooked at once equate to eight pounds of fun. The beefy tackle will assist greatly in bouncing the scrappers over the rail.

The light tackle enthusiast will not as soon fill his freezer, but he will be rewarded with a superb battle on four, six or eight pound test lines. Forego the use of mackerel trees for this sport and regulate yourself to the use of a single tube, diamond jig or tin such as the smaller Hopkins and Kastmasters.

Any light salt or freshwater outfit will do in this instance provided it is equipped with a smooth working drag mechanism. Keep in mind, however, that light tackle acrobatics should be confined to private boats as they will do little more than cause tangles and grumbling among the party boat contingent.

A large part of the mackerel's appeal to north shore anglers is based on his availabilty. At the height of the spring run, mackerel can be found from one end of the Sound to the other. They are easily reached by small boat fishermen, party boats, charter boats, and even on occasion by shorebound anglers working harbor mouths. A call to any of the north shore party boats or fishing stations listed at the back of The Fisherman should put you on the trail of the hottest fishing.

Once positioned in a general location known to harbor a good supply of macks, experienced fishermen often resort to chumming with ground bunker. As it is important to establish an unbroken slice so that the fish can find their way to waiting hooks, please respect the chum slicks of other fishermen. Especially is this so in the case of party boats. During early and mid-May, when mackerel are most populous, chumming is not a necessity. As the schools begin to thin, however, constant chumming will prove to be a great help.

Oftentimes, when the fishing is difficult, a "Mosquito Fleet" of private boats form around head boats. This fleet depends on the commercial skipper and his equipment to locate the fish. Crisscrossing carelessly through the slicks doled out by these boats will leave the macks scattered and tempers hot. A little respect and consideration will go a long way. Try not to duplicate the manners of the knucklehead (the only word fit for print), who last May trolled his wire lined umbrella rig along the port side of the Lady Lill (not once, but twice!), snagging and breaking off the rigs of several dismayed fishermen—myself included.

In the "eats" department, when it comes to mackerel, "fresh is best." Macks do not have much freezer life and I find it best to use those which will not be quickly consumed for future bait or chum.

The only manner in which I have eaten mackerel is broiled and I rate them an okay. There are a good number of people out there who do relish macks, however, and I'm sure they would argue that mackerel are better eating than I give them credit for. To each their own, I guess. One thing is certain, however; whether or not I enjoy them as table fare, I do love to fish for macks and this May as last, I'm sure to suffer a bad case of mackerel fever.

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BACK TO BASICS FOR FLUKE

by Matt Ahern

Some fundamental sinker bouncing techniques go a long way in the fluke department.

Recently while going through my old fishing notes, I came upon several I'd written as a kid. The fluke, flounder, blackfish, sea bass, porgy, cod, ling and whiting were rated as to their fighting ability, pound for pound, as I saw it at that time. The fluke was given top honors. Until then I hadn't caught a striper, weak or bluefish—otherwise I'd have changed that soon enough. But fluke do put up a scrap and they provide much sport for thousands of local fishermen.

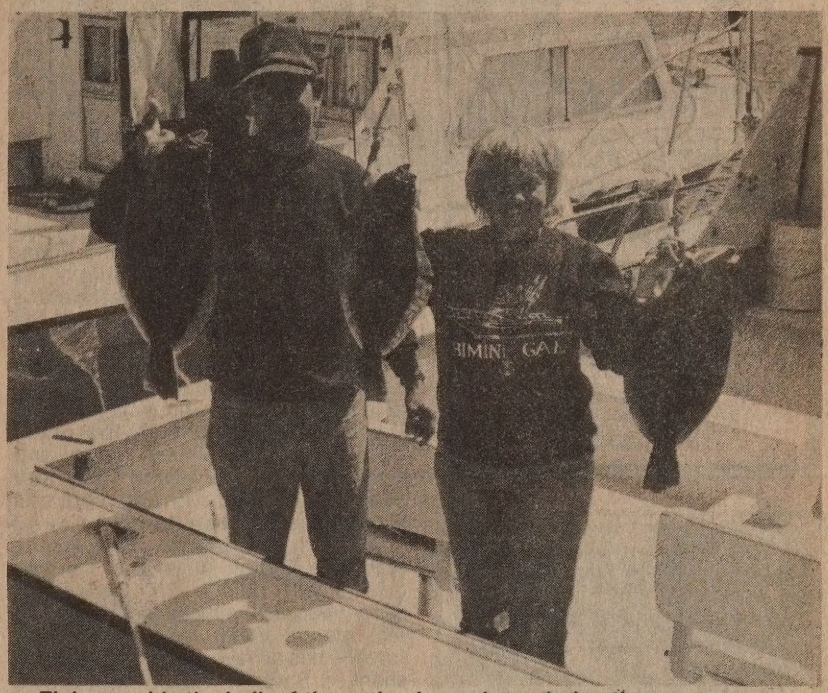
When I first began fluke fishing in the late 20s, fluke were extremely plentiful and most fluke fishing was done aboard party boats. The popular spots then were Sandy Hook and south to inshore Sea Bright. Smaller boats settled for the Coney Island flats where, at times, enormous fluke could be expected. Seldom were there problems finding enough fluke to satisfy everyone.

Fishing was simple, too. The fisherman cast his eight ounce bank sinker and killy-baited three foot leader as far as his old-fashioned wooden sidewinder reel allowed, bounced the bait a few times and immediately a fluke would take hold.

This went on hour after hour and butter tubs and barrels would fill to overflowing with good sized fluke. It was unusual to catch fluke under two pounds most days, and I can recall difficulty finding fish small enough to slice up for cut bait. Many a two pound fluke I sacrificed for bait (there were no size limit laws on fluke then). Truly, those were the days.

The average fluke today may be smaller than in those long gone days, but there are enough doormat fluke about to reward the serious fisherman. The largest fluke recorded weighed 26 pounds and was caught commercially, but every year fluke from 10 to 15 pounds (and larger) are caught by sinker bouncers like you and me. The chances of getting such huge doormats are always excellent.

Fluke are migratory. In summer they range from the Carolinas to Maine, with the greatest concentration being off Long Island and New Jersey. (Lucky us!) It is here where thousands of local fishermen spend many summer days enticing fluke to the baited hook. Fishing lasts all summer and, weather permitting, into early autumn.



Fluke provide the bulk of the action in our bays during the summer months, but good catches are made as early as the third week of May.

During November when the fish are gone from our shores, they are taken in large numbers from the southern part of their range, especially from the Virginia and North Carolina coasts. In bygone years, fluke used to support a large commercial fishery at this time, and tons were caught on a daily basis. (Incidentally, this heavy pressure never injured the fishing. This injury happened when it was discovered that fluke spawned in winter on the Continental Shelf. From then on, it was downhill for most fluke fishing—due to the fact that tons of fluke were netted each winter before they could spawn. It took some years to deplete the fishing, but it was done.)

As winter approaches, fluke leave for the deeper, warmer waters of the Continental Shelf, taking up housekeeping from Long Island to below Virginia. They spawn during January, February and March (that is, those who escape the netters). Because of this winter spawning we summertime fluke fishermen never catch an egg-bearing female. Incidentally, as our summer wanes into mid-August, those who clean their own fluke will notice the enlarging orange-colored ovaries of the females in their catch. These continue to swell with eggs until winter when they are released by the thousands. Worry not about the damage done to the fluke fishery by your hook and line, but give a thought to the carnage during winter on the Continental Shelf. There exists your problem. Keep it in mind—some day this information may indeed be useful.

When spawning is over, the coming of spring causes the cold surface water of the Shelf to sink. This chill signals the fluke and other migratory summer fish to begin their annual trek to the warmer inshore waters, completing the yearly cycle.

Fluke appear in our waters sometime in late May, first entering bays and creeks where they seek the warmth of shallow waters. It is then

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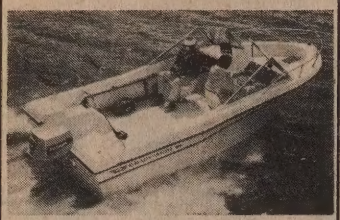

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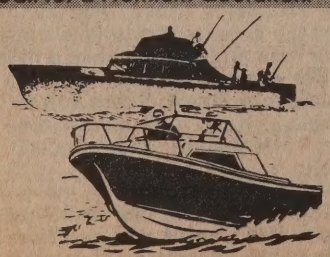

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when local fishermen get their chance at these early fish. Creeks and canals with at least 15 feet of water at low tide will produce for fishermen taking advantage of this fact. When these waters become too warm for comfort, sometime toward the end of June, these early fluke slowly fan out into the bays and channels where they mingle with later arrivals.

By mid-July, fluke are found in fairly large numbers throughout bays, deep creeks, along channel edges and sand bars. Toward the end of August, as nights cool down, look for them around inlets where they gather in preparation for departure to warmer waters.

When September arrives, large fluke are often caught in the open ocean, particularly around sunken wrecks. These are usually doormats of 10 pounds and more, and heavier tackle is required. I once knew a group of fishermen who only fished fluke at this time of year. If they caught fluke under five pounds, they were released.

Some fishermen have difficulty distinguishing between fluke and flounder, especially at the beginning of the season when smaller fluke arrive and join the larger flounder leaving the bays.

Actually, there is a vast difference between the two, but the most noticeable is the mouth. A flounder's mouth is small, soft and toothless; that of the fluke is well-developed, large and armed with sharp teeth. There are other means of identification, but this is the easiest method to use.

As with all bottom fishing, no elaborate rigging is needed. You can get by with 3/0 to 5/0 Carlisle or Sproat hooks on a three foot, 20 pound test monofilament leader. (My preference has always been a 4/0 regular shanked Sproat.) Tie the leader two inches above a bank sinker of suitable weight, with or without a three-way swivel. This rig will take any size fluke you encounter, including doormats.

A medium-weight spinning rod and matching reel filled with 150 yards of 10 to 15 monofilament will do for bay fishing. In moderately deep ocean waters, and around inlets and ocean beaches, a medium weight conventional boat rod and matching reel filled with 20 pound mono would be a better choice.

When fluke fishing there is one thing just as important as bait—a net. Always bring one with you and don't hesitate to put it to use on every fish. Fluke are easily lost at boatside when fishermen attempt to lift fish without the aid of a wide net. Fluke, bring broad-backed, create much disturbance on the surface when they become panicky and this aids them in throwing the hook. Don't let it happen to you. Also—never, never attempt to net any fish, especially fluke, from behind. If you do, it is usually a good bet you'll lose that fish. Your fluke may appear to be exhausted, but the instant that tail is touched, it's good-bye fluke! Again—don't let it happen to you!

Equipped by Nature to be hunters, fluke go anywhere in search of food. I have caught them in 100 feet of water and I've caught them in one foot; you never know with fluke. Because they are hunters, a moving bait will be seized more readily than one lying quietly on bottom (although I've caught my share with a dead line, too).

Fluke normally lie in bands through choice feeding areas, their bodies buried and heads exposed, beadly little eyes ever on the move to spot some luckless bit of prey venturing too close. To get the most action under these circumstances, it is therefore important to drift. It is the successful fluke fisherman who goes to the fish when the opportunity presents itself.

As the boat drifts through areas containing fluke, you will pass over lanes (or bands, if you will) of fish and several will be caught. This will be followed by a lull, then a few more fish will come up, and so forth. Not too productive unless the fish are thick in the area. What you do is toss over a small marker buoy (a small plastic container, a four ounce sinker, plus sufficient mono to reach bottom and allow the container to ride the waves and incoming tide without moving off, is fine. Paint the container fluorescent orange for better visibility). Return to it when you finish the drift. You will find the fish in the same general location. Fish that area to a fare-thee-well. When it peters out, search out another band of fish. I've found this is the best way to locate and catch fluke today.

This method works extremely well along ocean fronts and in the deeper, wider inlets such as Rockaway, Debs, and Fire Island when conditions allow. Scientists from the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries believe more fluke congregate off these inlets in June than anywhere else in Long Island waters.

There are days when weather will make drifting impossible. Should this happen, you have two choices. You can either troll or still-fish. Before the outboard engine, little trolling was done, as can be imagined. Some rugged fishermen did use muscle power and they were always rewarded for their hardy efforts.

The best of the two methods is trolling and it is great sport. Here is where a strip of squid will pay off. Fluke will also hit artificial lures, such as white bucktails, which to me, puts fluke in a game fish category.

The secret for success when trolling for fluke is to cut your boat's speed enough to enable the bait (or lure) to travel about a foot above bottom. As fluke generally lie facing into the current, you will get better results trolling against it—but this is not a hard, fast rule. This is one area where experimentation pays.

When still fishing, the best method is to cast around the area, then jig the

bait off bottom while reeling in. Give it plenty of action. If you don't pick up a fish after a reasonable time, select another spot. (Remember, fluke must be hunted!) Once you get your first fish with this method, more will follow.

Another method while anchored is to use a weighted chum pot filled with ground mossbunker. Fish close to it for best results. Some fishermen (including me), as they busy themselves casting about the boat, put down a live killy-baited line close to the pot. I don't know why, but this method seems to work best when the barometer is low.

The best baits for still fishing are live killies (preferred), or strips of fish bait, especially those cut from the tail or belly of the smallmouthed sea robin. Be sure to cut fish baits into triangular shapes, which will imitate the streamlined appearance of small fish, then hook it once through the widest part, letting it trail at least two inches. Whenever you use fish bait, don't scale. The more lifelike and natural your bait, the better your chances of catching fish.

Either fished alone or in combination with fish bait, nothing beats a live killy for fluke action. An excellent substitute is a flag of squid. However, this bait has a serious drawback and may be the reason some fishermen are successful with it and some not. When squid is used over sandy bottom, it will produce; but when used over mud bottom, it quickly becomes dirty and fluke will absolutely refuse to go near it. If you know the bottom composition of the immediate area you're fishing, then you can use or not use squid. And here you thought putting bait on a hook was all you had to know.

When fishing offshore wrecks or rocky bottom and dogfish seem your only reward, don't toss them back. No finer fluke bait will be found for fishing these areas. Cut the sides into strips, say five inches long and either use with an oversized killy or by itself. Never be surprised when you catch your largest fluke on this bait.

Fluke will take many baits, but sea worms, clam, mussel and so forth should not be used. Sure, I know, there are fellows who tell you they catch fluke on clam, and maybe they do because anything is possible in fishing, but you listen to Old Matt: use those recommended baits and catch fluke.

There are times when it pays to experiment when fluke fishing. Many years ago, I knew several fishermen who used nothing but six inch strips of beef liver. They fished the deepest holes in Jamaica Bay close by Roxbury. They seldom caught fluke under five pounds; most were over ten. Fluke seem to cooperate with the experimenting fisherman.

Every fisherman knows the biggest fluke is still down there waiting to be caught. Perhaps it's down there waiting for you! Get out there this summer and find out.

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"T" IS FOR TAUTOGS

by Dick Mermon

The remains of the old steamer, "Acara," provide South Shore boatmen with an opportunity to tangle with blackfish all season long.

In her heyday, the steamer "Acara" had made numerous voyages across both oceans without encountering one exciting incident. But, on March 1, 1902 she met her destiny in a southwest gale off the coast of Long Island. The vessel ran aground, leaving her remains where it rests to this day. Weather-beaten through the years, the scattered debris is known as the "T" wreck. The one thing about Mother Nature in her acts, where she closes the door, there always remains a window open, for this structure has become a seasonal inshore blackfish haven.

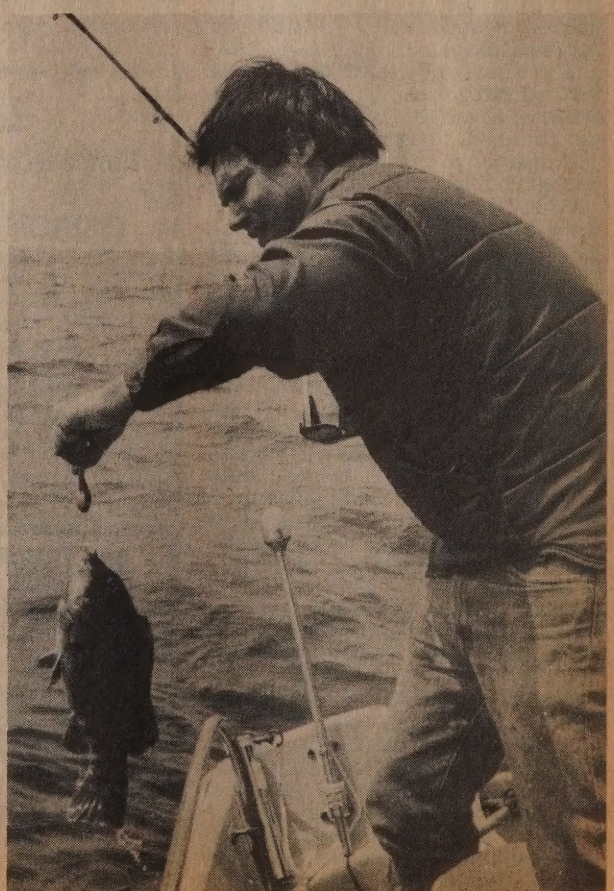
The Acara was of British registry, sailing most of her life from China to England with cartons of highly prized tea. In February, 1902, at the seaport of Liverpool, England, the ship took on a cargo of tin ingots along with the tea and headed for New York Harbor. During this passage, the vessel ran into a severe coastal storm, pushing her shoreward just east of what was then known as Sacks Inlet (now referred to as Jones Inlet). Life-saving crews from the Short Beach Rescue Squad (there was no Coast Guard Station at that time) managed to save all hands aboard, but not the ship or its cargo. The payload, valued then at $700,000 was totally lost—either washed away or buried with the wreck. Even after laying in her watery grave for over 80 years, present day divers occasionally will recover a 100 pound tin ingot. The freight combination of "tea and tin" which the Acara carried, accounted for the nickname, "T" wreck.

Situated about 150 yards off Short Beach and slightly over one nautical mile east of Jones Inlet jetty, the wreck is now broken into two major sections and four smaller pieces, all of which parallel the shoreline for some 300 feet.

Over the years, displaced sand has built up around, or covered most of the larger structures, but tidal currents and wave action have kept open passageways through gaping decayed holes in the ship's boilers that still remain erect. This movement of water creates circular turmoil in the surface known as "boils," which can be observed at low tide. Barnacle-encrusted, these metal forms range in depth from six feet of the surface, then drop to a 25 foot descent. Loran C calibration would pinpoint the entire structure's length at 43750 and 26800-26805.

Each spring, especially during the month of May, blackfish of various dimensions congregate around and inside these lumps. On a reasonably

The author prepares one of his favorite tautog baits—a whole green crab.



Greg Nisito, sales rep for Shakespeare Fishing Tackle, lifts aboard a husky "T" wreck black.

calm day, notably when the wind is offshore, an angler can take a small boat to fish this oceanside wreck by merely looking for the boils on the surface.

Anchoring a boat directly over a piece of structure is foolish and guarantees a lost anchor. Therefore, it is best to calculate where the debris lays to wind and tide directions (the tide always runs east to west in this area); set the anchor a good distance so the boat's stern is over the submerged piece, then employ the use of a cement block over the back to prevent swinging out of place. Or, a second anchor, in a bridle style is angled off the stern away from the wreck, positioning the boat steadfast in one location.

Blackfish migrate onto the "T" wreck as early as mid-March (depending upon weather and water temperatures), remaining until the end of October. Only during the months of July and August, when water temperatures become above their comfort zone for them will they decline in numbers, but return as water cools once again. There is usually a two-week period near the end of May when feeding is suppressed and the fish think only of reproduction, going into their pre-spawn time. But when mating is completed, activity is resumed. It is usually the pot-bellied females, laden with roe that refuse to feed during spawning. Still, there are sufficient juveniles and male fish available to make the wreck worthwhile throughout the season.

Being so close to the beach itself and in relatively shallow water compared to other ocean wrecks, it does not often produce extremely large fish. It is not that there are no biggies available around the pieces, but those Ol' Bucktooth monsters hide themselves inside difficult locations where anglers' baits seldom are presented. Skin divers, investigating the crumbled, rusted sections have quite often peered into small holes which open into larger chambers and come eyeball to eyeball with some of these mammoth blackfish.

Blackfish are a highly dominating and territorial species and tolerate only fish that do not interfere with their feeding or breeding. Should an angler's bait receive constant pecks from bergalls, all that is required at times is to move it a few feet from that particular spot and it's possible you'll be in blackfish domain. Where the bait stealers are, big blackfish are not and where the blacks are, bergalls dare not tread.

These fish are one of the few marine species that actually retire for the night. When it is time to sleep, they become immobile. They feed actively during daylight hours only. The bizarre feature is their means of "hitting the sack." They utilize any concealment such as a submerged can, cement block opening, rotted out pilings and some even roll themselves up in a bunch of seaweed which may be attached to a sunken piece of structure. Since blacks maintain a low profile during darkness, nocturnal predators like striped bass, bluefish and weakfish leave them be.

Similar to all wrecks, the "T" has what are called "potholes," where most of the fish are to be found. Distinguishing the difference between hard sand bottom and a piece of the wreck means catching fish, or not. Since bigger blacks always seem to take up residence within a structure, a wise angler should try to place a bait in the hole, or within the sight and smell of the fish within. Once that pothole is found, the bait must be put back there time and time again, for when one fish leaves a choice location, another takes its place immediately. By bouncing the sinker on bottom, a metallic sound will vibrate up the line, feeling sharp, or crisp. This is structure, whereby a sand bottom sustains a dull, deep thud.

Blackfish, in their bullish manner, require a strong, stout type of rod. They assault a bait vigorously with two solid strikes, crushing the offering first with their front teeth, then finish the job with inner crunchers before the food enters the stomach. Upon feeling the second tug, an angler should lift the rod tip quickly, keeping it high until the fish is pulled away from its haunt. Any slight hesitation in allowing the blackfish to go beyond that second strike only gives it time to claim your rig in the wreck.

Most any fashionable hook can catch blackfish, but a standard Sproat style remains the best because of its short, stout point and heavy gauge wire construction. A #1 size hook handles any fish that swims the "T" wreck and is strong enough not to be bent. Blackfish are not shy when it comes to line diameter, swivels, sinkers, or leaders, but the less hardware attached to a baited rig, the better. A leader, six inches in length and about 25 pound test, is affixed directly onto the line, four or five inches above the sinker, with one hook only. Any more than one hook will surely cause a great deal of snags and it will not catch any more fish.

Sea clam sections and fiddler crabs were thought to be the best baits for these "T" wreck fish and some anglers still prefer them. In recent years, native green crabs have become a more popular offering. First, the back shell of the crab is removed along with the claws and legs near the body sockets. It is then severed into halves, or four sections, depending upon the size of the crab itself. The hook is passed through one leg socket and out the body, leaving the point and barb exposed for deeper penetration. Blackfish are used to sharp objects when they feed and encounter them all through their life. Hence, an uncovered hook point in a crab section will now sway them.

The Acara, or rather the "T" wreck, provides many Long Island anglers a chance for some excellent season-long blackfishing.

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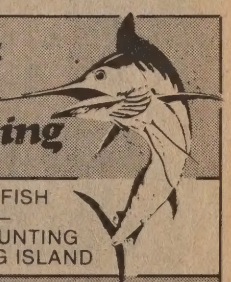

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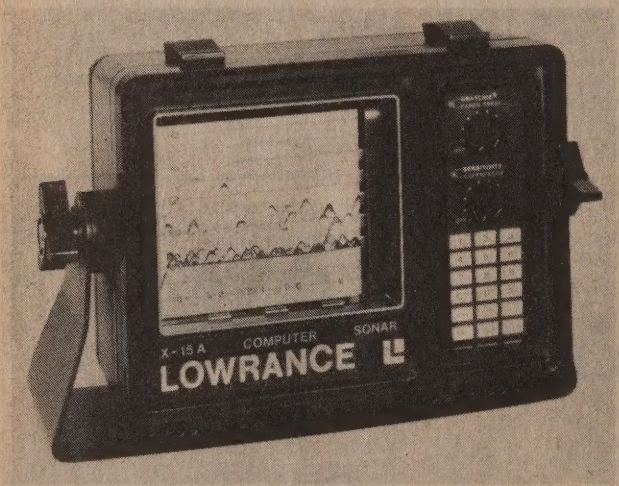
THIS YEAR IN ELECTRONICS

Part One—*by Al Ristori*

It wasn't many years ago that this was a relatively easy field to write about. However, the advances are coming along so rapidly that new products literally flood into the country from both established companies and recent entries anxious to bite off a chunk of this ever-growing market. Unlike other forms of fishing equipment, there isn't even a seasonality for electronics introductions. While some new products are shown at the annual American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA) show in mid-summer, others are introduced at boating trade shows—and many more just keep coming in throughout the year. The net result is that complete coverage is almost impossible, and even the most comprehensive article is often deficient in some respects by the time it reaches print.

In an age when most people tend to growl about constantly rising prices and often inferior goods, the electronics industry provides a refreshing example of the way it should be. Every year the products become more sophisticated and easier to work with—while competition serves to continually drive prices down. It wasn't many years ago that we were installing graph recorders in waterproof boxes that frequently dominated center consoles. Now we can get the same information, or much more, in units that not only can take salt spray but can even be washed down with a hose! Prices of Loran C units have plunged, and they are also more sophisticated and compact than ever before. However, waterproofing still remains a problem for small boat operators. The decline in prices is also



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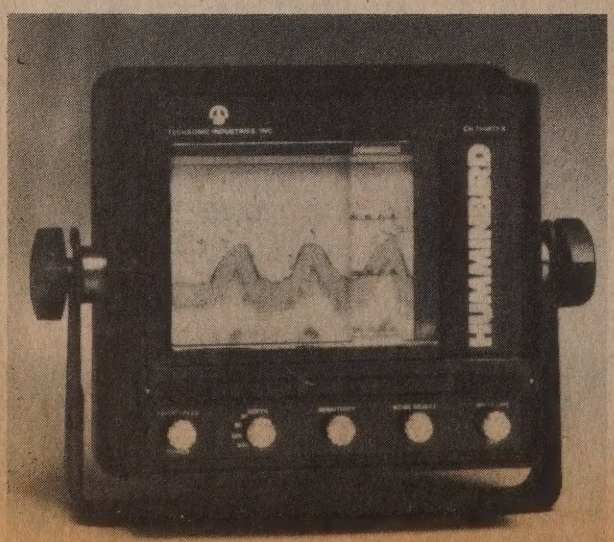

Humminbird CH Thirty II

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obvious to those purchasing radar, marine radios, and a host of other marine electronics.

Space doesn't permit us to do a full-blown guide to all marine electronics. I'm including all those companies who send me their releases, plus as many more as I can track down. The emphasis is on electronics suitable for small boats, and only the most important types. We'll be glad to hear from any manufacturers not included and will add them on next year if their materials are provided in time.

GRAPH RECORDERS

Lowrance: The X-15 and X-1550 computerized graph recorders revolutionized this business last year. These machines represented a big leap forward because they featured keyboards that allowed the operator to select any combination of depths in 10 foot increments right down to well over 1,000 feet. Despite the technological advance, these machines remained as waterproof as the Lowrance units they replaced. Best of all for the consumer, the demand was so intense that retailers quickly cut prices to the bone. Before the New York Boat Show was over in January, 1983, the going price for an X-15 was lower than that extended directly by the company to outdoor writers.

Not content to rest on their laurels, Lowrance came out with two new units for this year. The X-15A and X-1551A have cases made of high impact plastic, rather than metal—but are still completely waterproof and about $100 less expensive. In addition, they have a new "discriminator" feature which provides noise rejection with minimal record distortion, eliminating interference from transducers on nearby boats. Another improvement is the easy-load, tilt-out cartridge paper system. Prices on the X-15 and X-1550 units are also being lowered. The X-15 and X-15A can be used with either 8 or 20 degree transducers, or both transducers can be employed through a console switch. The X-1550 and X-155A have a wide-beam 50 kHz transducer that is ideal for deep waters and for recording downriggers in use. A new option is a 16 degree transducer for greater detail.

Eagle: This division of Lowrance makes a line of computer graphs similar in most features to that of the parent company, but without the keyboard and at a lower price. Instead of a virtually unlimited number of ranges, there are 12 to select from plus a rotary switch range selector that shows the lower half of any selected range. The Mach 1 has ranges from 1 to 10 feet through 1-1000 feet, and the high frequency 192 kHz unit comes packed with a 20 degree beam width transducer. The Mach 2 is the 50 kHz version with wide angle 45 degree transducer that reaches to 2,5000 feet. Both have plastic, waterproof cases, computer-printed grid lines and depth scales, grayline and hinged, easy-load paper carriage. Like the Lowrance units, they'll operate to over 70 mph and provide 1,6000 watts of peak to peak transmit power.

Humminbird: The CH Thirty II graph recorder features a simple, four-step cartridge-load system for the paper. This unit is reasonably priced and is popular with freshwater

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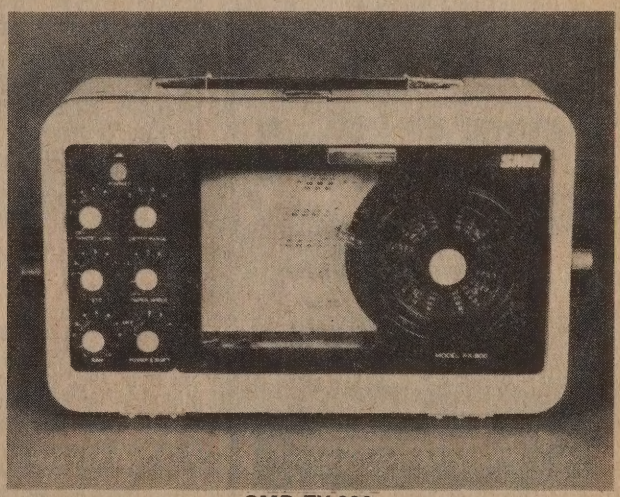

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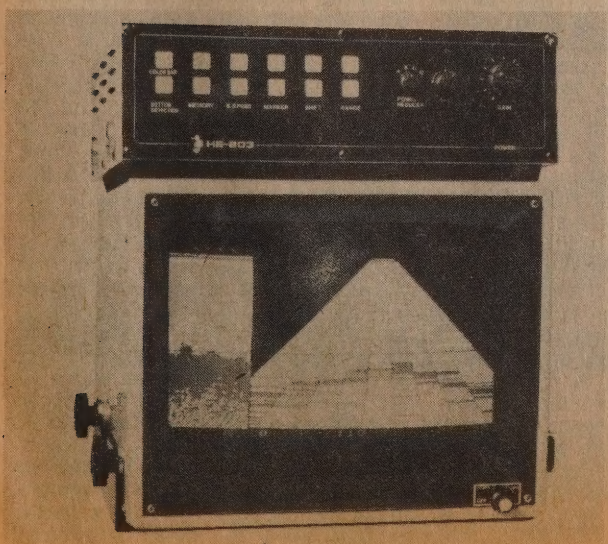

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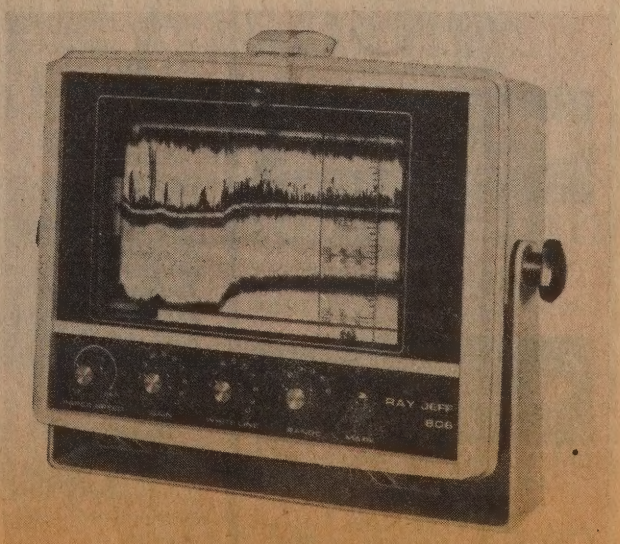

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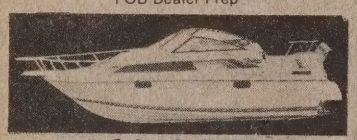

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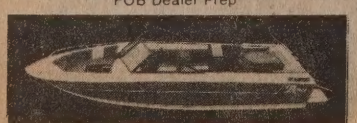

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Si-Tex: The new HE-357 Magnum graph was primarily intended for the freshwater bass market, but this shallow water machine will also serve well in coastal waters. The HE-357 operates at a "compromise" 107 kHz with wide cone angle of 20 degrees at the 3dB level and 36 degrees at the 6dB level. There are five ranges from 0-15 to 0-300 feet, and a choice of white-line, straight-line or fine-line printing. The case is aluminum and a cassette loading system makes paper changing easy. The HE-32 MK II is a new version of the original HE-32. It offers the versatility of two cone angles in one transducer. The wide 36 degree cone searches a vast area under your boat in order to find fish, and then you can switch to the 18 degree cone in order to pinpoint their location. There are seven depth ranges from 0-12 to 0-1200 feet and the power output is 500 watts RMS (4,000 watts peak-to-peak). Other features include: Scale Expansion, Bottom Anywhere, Bottom Lock, Clean Echo circuitry, event marker, STC, power reducer and density control. A digital display reading to 999 feet is optionally available.

For larger craft, there's the new HE-301, the first six-inch chart recorder with cassette loading. The specifications are otherwise quite similar to the four-inch HE-32 MK II, including the same ranges and optional digital display. Models are available in 50- and 200 kHz, rather than the dual cone angle. The HE-710 color video sounder has a big 14 inch display in a compact unit taking up little more space than some sounders with eight inch displays. The larger screens are important in video units as they don't provide as much detail as the graph in a comparable size. The 200 kHz version goes from 0-30 feet on the first scale down to 2000 feet on the last. Scales on the 50 kHz model go down to 3600 feet.

Newest of all, and quite an advance, is the HE-803 stereo video sounder. Conventional sounders display only the depth of the fish under the boat with no indications as to where they are in relation to the boat. The stereo display of the HE-803 not only indicates depth of fish, but also their exact position relative to the boat. The entire bottom profile along with fish activity up to 45 degrees both starboard and port is simultaneously displayed in seven different colors based on the strength of returning echoes. Though developed for trawling, the potential of this sophisticated unit for sport fishing is obvious.

SMR: Southern Marine Research features a couple of new and quite inexpensive recorders in the Striker series. The Striker ST 440 is a four inch straight line machine with white line and a 0-60 foot first range (maximum - 440 feet) for a list price of only $389 with a 200 kHz transducer. The Striker ST 480M starts at 0-15 feet and reaches down to 480 feet. That unit features Memalog, which stores input in shallow water ranges in a specially designed microchip—and in deeper water shifts to analog circuitry allowing the operator to select "windows" of specific bottom structure. The list with a 200 kHz transducer is $479. In both cases, add $20 for the 50 kHz version. SMR also carries a line of Sea Lab four inch straight line recorders, plus a couple of six inch units; and the Sea Lab FX800 (200 kHz transducer - 800 feet) and FX1600 (50 kHz transducer - 1600 feet) four-inch curved line flasher-recorder combination units with the white line feature.

Ray Jefferson: The new MX-2500 straight line recorder is an economical white line machine which features microprocessor circuitry that allows the skipper to zoom in on any areas selected between three and 2500 feet. This challenge to the Lowrance computer graph domination also work in 10 foot increments, prints grid lines and depth scales, and has an event marker. A special alarm feature allows the operator to hear as well as see fish on the graph, and in the alarm mode the word "alarm" also appears on the chart. Cartridge loading is provided and the case is water resistant. The XM-2500 comes with a 200 kHz transducer. For deep water work, the MX-2500A has a 50 kHz transducer. Ray Jeff also retains the 960BE and 960BEA four inch recorders with the "bottom expand" feature, and the 960 and 960A white line models. The 806 white line goes down to only 480 feet, but retains the 15 foot minimum scale that the other units have.

Sonic Wave: BH Electronics features the VS 2040 and VS 2020 Video Sounders with unique split screens on the six inch cathode ray tubes. The former has dual transducers (75 kHz 42 degree and 200 kHz 20 degree) while the latter has only the 42 degree. Optional screen display numeric boat speed and surface water temperature readouts are also available in these waterproof units that sell for under $2000. A new feature this year in both is a hi-lo switch to enhance signal separation of fish and bottom for shallow and deep water use. In conventional graph recorders, the new 440 four inch graph has six ranges from 0-25 to 300 feet. This unit combines 400 watts of power with a 50 kHz, 42 degree wide angle transducer and has adjustable white line control. Video Sounder users can now purchase the Sonic Wave 110 Remote Digital Readout to provide remote depth monitoring stations on a vessel without need to install additional transducers.

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UP YOUR SCORE WITH TEASERS

by Gerald Hahn

Surf regulars are well schooled in the value of rigging with teasers.

There's an old saying, "Big Fish eat Little Fish," which accurately describes the behavior of creatures in the sea. Of people, too. For in the history of mankind, there are countless examples of powerful nations preying on weak nations and of the weak turning against the weakest. In the sea, however, the strongest predators often skip a few links in the food chain. For example, baleen whales, one of the largest mammals in the world, graze almost exclusively in pastures of krill—tiny shrimp-like organisms. Mackerel may feed on sand eels, which, in turn, feed on microscopic copepods, but if sand eels are scarce the macks are content to dine on copepods as well. Nothing wrong with that. If people can't afford filet mignon, they settle for hamburger. Given a choice, of course, most of us would have the steak. But oddly enough, in the world of "big fish eat little fish," predators frequently choose the less desirable meal.

When a predator, for instance, spots a small baitfish pursuing a still smaller fish, he simply can't resist overtaking the larger of the two and gobbling up the smaller. Fish, like people, are competitive creatures, always ready to take advantage of an easy target. Indeed, this happens so often in the sea that sharp fishermen have learned to set the predator up, by combining big lures with little lures.

Perhaps the clearest example of the effectiveness of lures in combination is an umbrella rig, a contraption that includes as many as nine artificials: a large hook covered with surgical tubing set slightly behind eight smaller ones which are arranged in two concentric circles. No matter what you may think about fishing this way, an umbrella rig is one of the deadliest lures around. It attracts more bluefish than any other artificial.

Another example of more (lures) being more effective than less is a mackerel tree rig. In this arrangement, five lures may be ganged up in series: four hooks covered with tinker tubing tied to dropper loops above a large diamond jig. As with the umbrella, this rig resembles a large baitfish pursuing a school of small baitfish. And for fishermen, the result sometimes is a full house of macks.

Weaks and school bass are suckers for teasers when sand eels school up along the beaches. Photo Wm. Muller.

The point is, even when only one tube-covered hook is tied above the larger lure, more mackerel will strike at the combination than at a single lure and more than 50 percent of the mackerel will go for the smaller lure, which is commonly called a teaser.

Years ago, I had one of my earliest encounters with a teaser, in 250 feet of water somewhere in the Gulf of Maine. I had heard that pollock were particularly fond of an 8/0 O'Shaughnessy hook adorned with a thick red surge tube and mounted with a black barrel swivel. The teaser, connected directly to a dropper loop on the running line, dangled enticingly a yard above a Norwegian jig weighing nearly one pound. On that day, I managed to catch six pollock, all on the teaser. But I was also surprised to catch four cod, a hake, three cusk and a whiting—and of this total of 15 fish, only one cod, one cusk, and oddly enough, the voracious little whiting, went for the diamond jig. Eighty percent of the fish had taken the teaser!

But one doesn't have to fish from a boat to discover the great potential of a teaser. Indeed, for the last few years, more and more surfcasters have been adding a teaser to their lures and discovering how effective the combination really is.

A teaser may be adorned with many different materials. The mackerel teaser noted above consists of tinker tubing on a #1 or 1/0 Pacific Bass, Beak or Carlisle hook, which is connected directly to a dropper about eight inches above a three ounce diamond jig. Larger surgical tubing in red, green or white fits over a 2/0 to 6/0 O'Shaughnessy, Bent Limerick or Beak hook, for blues, weaks and bass. This teaser is connected in a different way, and will be covered later. Perhaps the most widely used teasers are dressed with feathers or fur. Bucktail, maribou, hackle feathers, as well as such synthetics as acrylic and Fishair, are all excellent dressings.

Many anglers favored dyed fluorescent hues, including red, orange, yellow and white; some people add flash in the form of mylar piping. Dark colors, black, brown, deep purple, are favored at night. Teasers adorned with feathers or fur are equally effective on bass, blues and weaks. Many people who fish for the latter, however, prefer soft plastic tails for their teasers. Thus, a four inch Rebel Ringworm or a jellyworm in red, yellow or white, creates the undulating edible that weaks are so fond of. Indeed, soft plastic curly tails, shrimp tails, grubs and touts may be put in service on a 2/0 Beak or O'Shaughnessy hook. So can a strip of pork rind. At least one manufacturer, Blue Fox, has produced a ready made, rubber-bodied teaser known as the Red Gill. The lure resembles a baitfish, and the most popular size is the 4½ inch Rascal in blue, silver, red or gold. In general, a teaser should not be much larger than this, since it may tangle with the running line.

Almost any large lure may trail the teaser, including metal, poppers, darters, floating and sinking plugs, and leadhead jigs adorned with latex and soft plastic tails. The size of the larger lure, of course, depends on the size of the quarry and the fishing conditions. For example, south shore surfcasters generally favor two to three ounce "tins" and poppers and swimmers in similar weights, on running lines of 12 to 20 pound test. In calm bays and the backsides of inlets, however, they may use a lure comparable to the five inch RedFin floater and 10 pound test. In stronger currents at these places, a teaser combined with a lure such as the six inch Countdown by Nils Master is a good match.

Curiously, a teaser may also be used ahead of a natural bait. Writers have already commented on the exceptional catch made at Cape Cod during the fall of 1981, in which a 73 pound striper overtook a live eel for a black feather teaser the eel seemed to be pursuing; but I have seen teasers work with other natural baits. Some years ago, aboard the Captain Clark, we were drifting for school weaks in Peconic Bay. Everyone, it seemed, was using strips of squid. One angler, however, added a small hook adorned with thin surgical tubing in red, which he secured directly to a dropper about 18 inches above the squid. On a slow day, he was the only fisherman to consistently catch weakfish, which passed up the real thing for the synthetic, like kids who'd rather eat junk food than green vegetables.

Although there are various ways to connect a teaser, most people tie it with a snell knot to a short leader of 40 pound test. Some people tie the other end of the leader with a loop knot of some sort; whereas others favor an improved clinch knot for connecting the leader to the main line. Either way, an ideal distance between teaser and main line is six inches and certainly no more than eight inches. The short, heavy leader reduces tangling problems.

Connecting the teaser to the main line is achieved a number of ways. Most people begin with a dark barrel swivel which is tied to the end of the running line with an improved clinch knot. Then 24 to 30 inches of additional monofilament, of the same or preferably heavier weight than the running line, is tied to the other end of the swivel with the same knot. The teaser may then be secured to the lower eye of the barrel swivel with another improved clinch knot, although I prefer a loop knot for threading around the upper eye of the swivel, especially when the larger lure is heavy. The snelled leader seems to tangle less this way.

There are other methods, of course. One is to dispense with the swivel and substitute a dropper loop on the running line 24 to 30 inches above the larger lure. Another is to tie a heavier monofilament (again, 24 to 30 inches) to the main line with a blood knot. When forming the knot, reserve about eight inches of the heavier line at the tag end and use it to tie the teaser. Lastly, a teaser may also be used with wire. For example, many people use a coated wire leader for bluefishing. Since the wire leader already comes with a barrel swivel, the teaser is secured to the swivel, as described above. In all cases, a plain snap at the end of the running line or shocker facilitates changing large lures.

All of the methods described above make use of a teaser in the traditional sense, and that is, as a dropper ahead of a large lure. Fish, being what they are, however, will also respond to a teaser which trails behind a large lure. For example, a feathered teaser may dangle a few inches behind a large popper, by removing the rear treble hook of the popper and using the eyelet for the snelled teaser. Indeed, even a small lure, such as a 5/16 ounce leadhead bucktail behind a three ounce diamond jig, or a 1/4 ounce metal spoon behind the same diamond jig, makes an effective trailing teaser. In this respect, the stinger hook which often trails behind the main hook on a leadhead bucktail, becomes a teaser when it, too, is adorned in some fashion. In these examples, the predator fish may pounce on the small lure for the same reason that lions thin out wildebeest by snatching a young one who can't keep up with the herd.

A teaser has some drawbacks. It reduces casting distance somewhat and sometimes it causes more losses than gains for the fisherman. When bluefish are ravaging bait in the shallows, for instance, the teaser, as well as the large lure may be cut. On the other hand, although a teaser is not intended for this purpose, it sometimes yields a double-header. For the most part, a teaser's benefits so outweigh its deficits that everyone should try it. Break out the combination offering this season, and see how "big fish eat the littlest fish."

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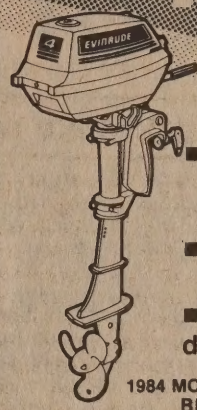

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THE CROTON WATERSHED:

HAVEN FOR METRO FLY ROD BUFFS

by Jim Capossela

In perhaps the most unique description of a trout stream ever offered, fellow writer Dean Havron said this of southern New York's best river:

> Fishing the East Branch of the Croton River is like having an affair with an older woman. Some of the bloom may have faded from the rose, but for the experienced, the variety and depth of her challenges provide the greatest rewards in the long run.

It's an amazingly apt metaphor! This tailwater stream spills forth from deep, cold East Branch Reservoir near Brewster. Before it is pacified by swampy Muscoot Reservoir, it provides a dozen-odd miles of the most interesting trout fishing in the area. But it takes time to get to know her. You'll discover over-the-chest holding sections with jagged, under-mined boulders. You'll also wade through slow, deep marl-bedded runs. You'll even encounter bubbling rapids and waterfalls. Clearly, this is not the place for a one-night stand.

The Croton was once, indeed, a mighty river, the largest tributary to the lower Hudson. But early in this century, its currents were tamed and its three branches chopped up by 14 watershed reservoirs. Now, we speak of "pieces" of the Croton.

The three best fly-fishing streams in southern New York are, in fact, pieces of the Croton, each one flowing between two reservoirs. They are located in northern Westchester and southern Putnam Counties, little more than an hour's drive from New York City. While Long Island's Connetquot and Nissequogue certainly offer much to the metro area angler, the streams of the Croton River system are less regulated (no fees, for one thing) and perhaps more natural and pleasant to fish in many ways.

The East Branch is by far the longest, and it gets my nod as tops. It was once—and may still be—listed among New York State's "Fishiest 50" trout streams.

The upper 2¼ mile stretch is set aside as a specially-managed area. The current regulations for this section allow the taking of only one trout of 14 inches or better, and only artificial lures may be used. This part of the river is stocked with rainbows and browns, and reports have it that the rainbows—only in the river for a few years now—are growing fat and sassy. This upper section is where most of the fly fishermen gather. There are nice pools, including Brady's Bend and the famous Phoebe Hole which gave up—are you ready for this—a 10 lb. 13 oz. brown to

Fly fishing the Amawalk, one of the best known trout streams in southern New York. On the opposite bank can be seen a small deflection wall, an example of some of the stream improvement work done by the Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Per Brandin photo.

Scarsdale angler Al Case on July 28, 1983! Dapper Al, who is one of the more literate of my shadowy sporting acquaintances (but still not quite sharp enough to find our best bird covers in Danforth, Maine) certainly held the podium at local gatherings of TU and TGF last year. In fact, his fish now stands as an IGFA World Record on four pound test tippet.

The East Branch offers a nice mix of varied trout water, so it's advisable to bring a wide selection of patterns. Have along streamers and nymphs, some weighted and some unweighted. In dries, bring both high-riding, bushy patterns for the faster sections, and more precise imitations for the flatter runs.

These local streams perk up a good deal sooner than the more famous but icy cold Catskill rivers. By May, mayflies are hatching (which is logical enough, I guess), and you may see some duns that are imitated by the well-known Hendrikson pattern in size 12-14. Blue Winged Olives, many from the large Baetis family, actually begin popping up in April or even March, as do very tiny midges. Have in your vest a good selection in sizes 16-22 or even smaller.

The first real good hatch here is the Pale Evening Dun, or "Sulphur." Sulphurs begin to appear around late May and continue quite methodically right on through to July. It's usually a late afternoon to evening hatch; often the very best time is just before and after darkness. Caddisflies start appearing in May, reach a peak in June, then continue sporadically right through summer. I've found a #16-18 Elk Hair caddis to be a real winner when these brown-winged, olive-bodied caddis are emerging.

Maybe the most fished-to hatch on the East Branch is the "Trico" (Tricorythodes stygiatus if you're one of those guys). These minute mayflies come off very predictably starting in early August, but they'll aggravate you twice: Once when you get up at 5AM (prime hatching time is 6-9AM!) and once when you try to actually land something using the size 22-26 patterns that are necessary. It's very tough fishing, but in midsummer it's nice to see flies hatching and trout rising nearly every morning over a span of several weeks. Further, some of the stream's **biggest** fish feed to this hatch. Long fine leaders are definitely recommended.

The West Branch of the Croton is the second quality trout stream in the area. Located totally within Putnam County, it flows for about 2½ miles between West Branch Reservoir and Croton Falls (Hemlock) Reservoir. Since the stream is totally off the road, there are only two access points. Park either on Rt. 6 by the dam and walk downstream, or off Drewville Rd. and walk upstream.

Many people have a soft spot for the West Branch, and that's due to the prettiness of the stream, not the size of the fish. It is a lovely brook,

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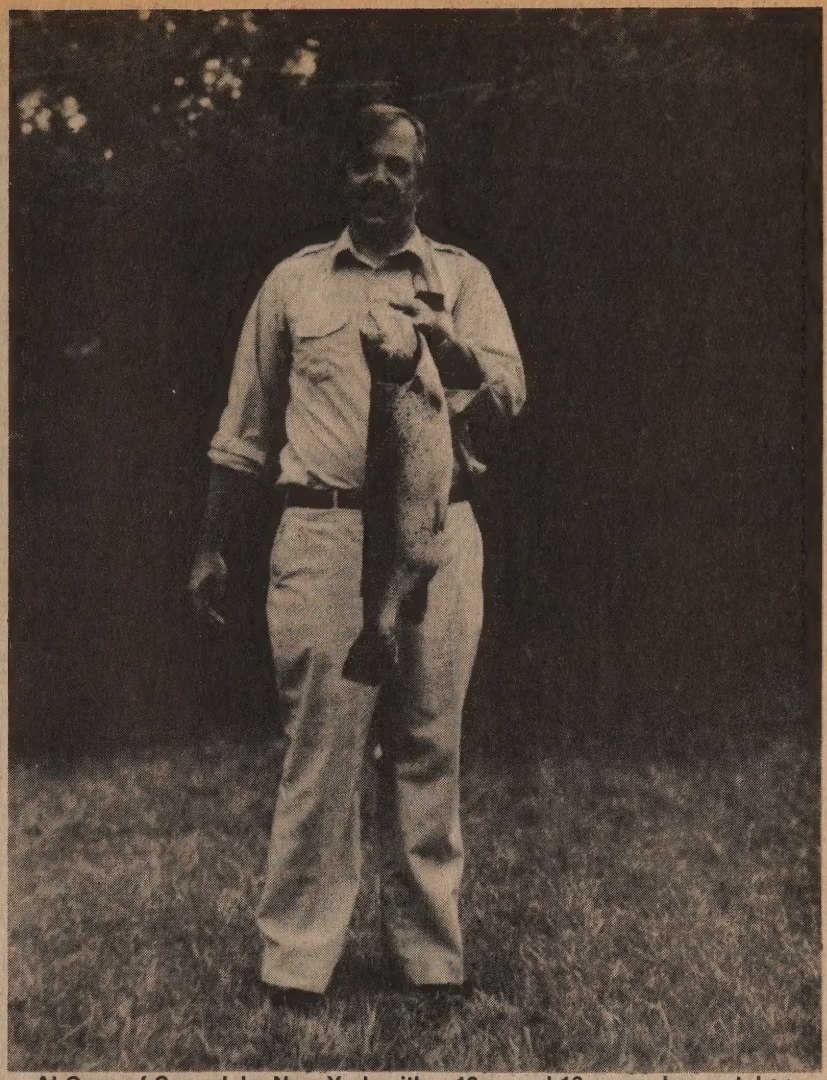
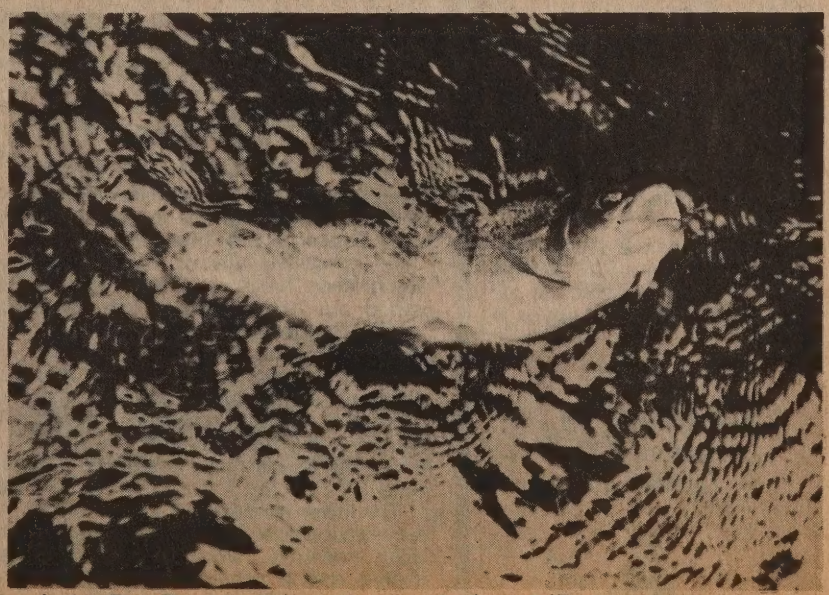


Al Case of Scarsdale, New York with a 10 pound 13 ounce brown taken from the East Branch of the Croton in July of 1983.



A nice East Branch rainbow comes up to the net. 'Bows were stocked experimentally in the East Branch a few years ago, and are now doing extremely well. They appear to be somewhat freer-rising than the browns that also inhabit the stream in good numbers. Per Brandin photo.

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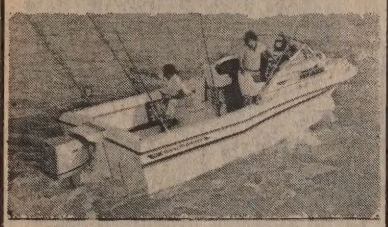

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but it's quite shallow and just has less "character" than the East Branch. West Branch browns are all natural—there is no stocking—but these colorful and extremely abundant specimens average only about 6 to 9 inches—a good cut below the E.B. brownies and bows. Nonetheless, it's hard to find nicer scenery this close to a major metropolitan area.

The sulphur hatch discussed under the East Branch is a good one here, too. They begin to appear around Memorial weekend, and the hatch can last till mid-July. Dusk is prime time, but as the weeks pass, the sulphur action begins to concentrate at and just after blackness. Don't quit too soon.

Another good summertime hatch is a small yellow stonefly, which comes off sporadically all day long. A "fore n' aft" tied Yellow Sally is the imitation local experts knot on to simulate this bright, dancing little downwing.

Sporadic Caddis hatches also materialize when the weather warms, inspiring the use of a variety of patterns: Henryville Special, Larry Solomon's Delta-Wing Caddis, Tan Beetle, Adams, Elk-Hair Caddis, and many others. Also, because there is much overhanging foliage, an angler would be well-advised to tote an assortment of terrestrials.

Amawalk Outlet is the third quality fly fishing stream in the area. It is not quite as secluded or shady as the West Branch, but the better part of its three-mile course is off the road. Contained are more good-sized fish than the West Branch, fewer than the East Branch. The upper one-third, above the dam, is quite swampy and slow. The lower two-thirds is faster and more open, so here is where the fly fishermen collect. Until recently, the browns in the lower part were all naturally reproducing. However, following a disastrous oil spill in January of 1981, planting of browns has been initiated to try and rebuild the river's stock. The consensus is that both the aquatic life and the fish are now recovering from the oil spill, which let some 13,000 gallons of fuel oil into the stream.

While I definitely would recommend waders on the East Branch, hip boots often will suffice on either the West Branch or the Amawalk.

The Amawalk always had a fine Hendrikson hatch, but the oil spill wiped out the nymphs. Now, with recent improvements anglers can look for Hendriksons from late April into May. It's important to bring **four** different imitations to properly fish this hatch: Nymph, emerger, dun and spinner. The fish will feed on all of them, but usually only one stage at a time.

The lower Amawalk in early May is a magical place. There are mallards, deer, nesting woodcock, turtles, snakes and a great many different wildflowers. Who cares about the fishing! I especially like the very lower end, near Muscoot Reservoir. Besides the Hendriksons, Amawalk regulars look to encounter sulphurs, some caddis, creamy-colored midges, ants and other terrestrials.

An excellent source of fly fishing tackle and local stream info is The Bedford Sportsman (Bedford Hills exit off the Saw Mill River Parkway). There are many other good tackle shops in the region, but the Sportsman specializes in fly fishing.

A lightweight fly outfit would be in order all around the Croton circuit. I use the same one I uncase at the Connetquot: a soft 7½ foot Fisher glass blank (I cut it back to 7' 4") which I couple with a Hardy Featherweight reel and a #4 double taper floating line. There is no real deep water to make a sinking line necessary. However, I do carry an extra spool with a sink-tip line for fishing nymphs and streamers in the deeper runs. The long-rod, short-rod pendulum keeps swinging back and forth and right now longer rods are fashionable. Whatever, I still wouldn't go any heavier than a #4 line. Leaders, too, are a matter of personal preference. I use only two most of the time: a 7½ foot tapering to a 4x for streamers, and a 9 foot tapering to 5x or 6x for dries and wets. For fishing the tiny Trico hatch, a longer, finer leader would be advisable.

An important thing to remember is that all three of these streams flow over or under the dams of large reservoirs. Thus, they usually run colder than non-tailwater streams. This means several things to the fly fisher. First, the hatches are less predictable than on natural, freestone streams like the Beaverkill. The cold water discharges, which are erratic and dependent on rainfall, do a good job of confusing the bugs. Many of the hatches do come off according to the textbooks, but be prepared for surprises (esp. flies hatching in summer that you wouldn't normally see).

In addition, the flow can be stronger and fresher than normal rivers. This always makes for better and more pleasant fishing in summer, when most other streams are gulched and extremely warm.

These quality waters are anxiously watched over and protected by the Croton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited. By joining this chapter, you will not only be helping to protect the cold water resources of southern New York, you will receive a newsletter that will keep you up to date on the local fishing scene. For an application and more TU information, write to Croton Watershed Chapter TU, Box 186, Bedford Hills, NY.

By the way, the astute observation of Dean Havron, at the opening of this piece, appears in a booklet that Dean, I and other chapter members contributed to. It is called **Stream Guide to the Amawalk Outlet, East Branch, and West Branch Croton**, For the Fly Fisherman. Published by our TU chapter, this short but information-packed guide can be gotten from the above address. The cost is $3.75pp.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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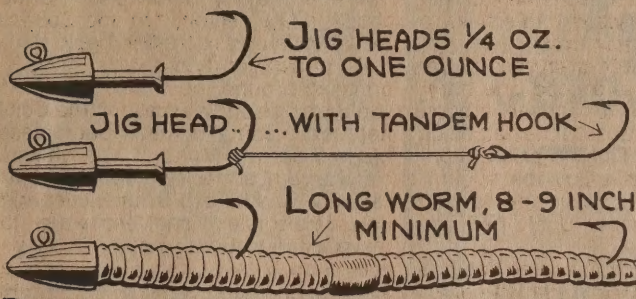

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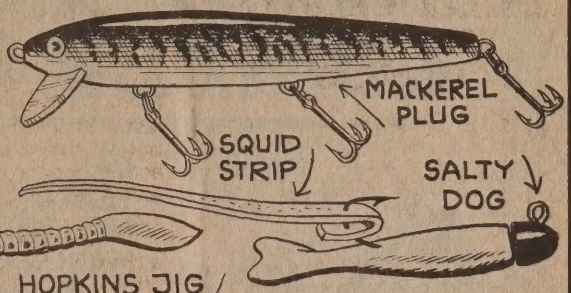

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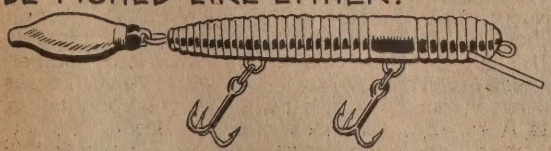

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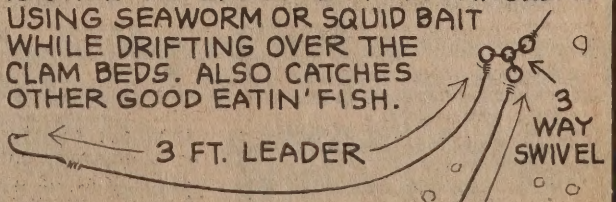

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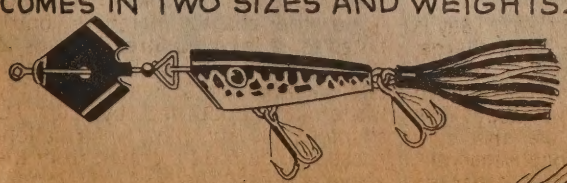

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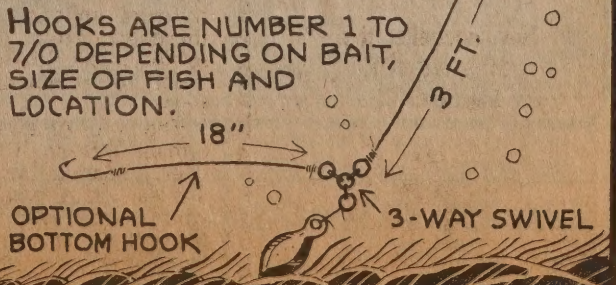

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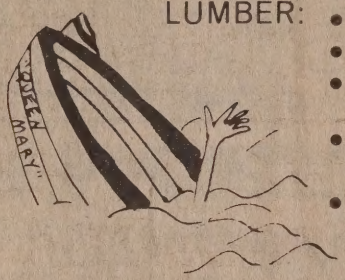

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East End REPORT

with Capt. John DeMaio

Weakfish have begun to take hold out east while flounder remain the mainstay. At Montauk, codfish are still accomodating anglers in size and numbers. Judging from reports, the Gardiners Island snowshoes are now beginning to take hold.

MONTAUK

Capt. Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk** had an excellent day on Sunday. The Bob Rogers party of Syosset caught 58 codfish and 4 big pollock. Largest cod were 44, 38 and 42 pounds. Mostly all of the fish were taken on jigs and tubes.

This reporter, on my boat the **Vivienne** had my best cod trip on Wednesday. Four anglers from the bay area had a total of 29 large codfish, the biggest being 57 pounds. Due to strong winds both Friday and Saturday, I fished for flounder at Gardiner's Island and managed a total of 67 fish for both days. At least 12 of the flounder topped 3 pounds.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** is offering a 10% discount on his charters for the month of May in honor of his tenth anniversary in business. Also Capt. Lewis will be accepting half day flounder charters for May.

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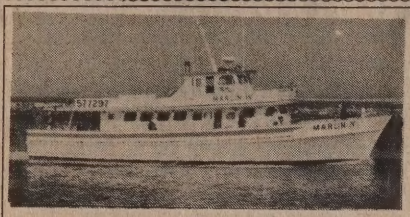

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ocean. The total was 32 large Gardiner's Island flatties for the Cinemagnetic Inc. party. On Sunday the George Green party of White Plains racked up 64 cod to 20 pounds.

The **Viking Starship** had a bang up George's Bank trip on the May 4th date. High hook was Bill Tully with 37 codfish. Matt Billerman had a 45 pound halibut. His big fish was a second pool prize to a 48 pound cod. The fish averaged 12 to 14 pounds with many 20 pounders thrown in. Don't forget the starship will be sailing to George's Bank on May 11 and a Nantucket wreck trip on May 20. The May 22nd trip is filled and further reservations are not being accepted.

Also the Viking Star will be sailing to Coxes Ledge on **weekends only** to avoid the heavy weekend traffic inshore.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** had 34 cod from 5 to 15 pounds and 2 blacks to 7 pounds for the Bojay party on Sunday.

The charter boat **Windy** had 24 cod on Monday for Rev. Dan Reihnhemier. On Wednesday the Joe Palazzo group had 50 cod. On Thursday, the Ihasz party had 25. Capt. Jack said all the fish averaged 8 pounds with the biggest going 18.•

SOUTH FORK

The first news of weakfish came in from **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Thom reported 2 weakfish were taken in the east channel of Shinnecock Inlet on worms. They weighed in at 8½ and 11 pounds. Plus a few weaks of mixed sizes, 15 inches to 5 pounds, were also caught. At the Shinnecock Inlet jetty weaks and blacks have been caught during the week.

Fishing in Peconic was hurting this week due to the windy weather. From all reports flounder fishing remains

steady.

Capt. Artie Lach of the **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric II** had an "unbelievable" day in Saturday's strong winds. An approximated 350 flounder came over the rail in the area of the ferry slip. On Sunday, he fished Gardiner's Island and had 150 fish. Many in the 2 to 3 pound range. Pool fish was 3½ pounds. With the weakfish beginning to show, the Wilhelric will sail Friday and Saturday nights, May 11 and 12th for the weakies.

Special fluke trips will take place on June 17 and 24th and also August 12 and 26. Deposit only on reservations. Call Capt. Artie at 516-728-2679 for more information. No sailing on Mother's Day.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The fishing scene in this area continues to broaden with the first confirmed catches of weakfish now a matter of record. The big news in this department concerned a 16 pound, 3 ounce tiderunner taken on Sunday, but more on this later. Flounder fishing received a four star rating in Great South Bay this week and Moriches Bay flatties were very responsive as well, when the weather cooperated. Mackerel were well stacked in the 100' depths south and southwest of Fire Island Inlet, particularly on Sunday. Blackfish are on reefs and inshore wrecks, and the first blue claw crabs, fluke and sea robins are beginning to blend into the picture.

Editor's Note: Last weeks reported 2000 pound haul of weaks in the Fire Island Pound traps should have read 200 pounds.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

"Excellent flounder fishing in the bay this week when winds were calm," reported Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Average scores per boat on Sunday ranged between 40 and 80 fish. Joe and Lenny Antler clicked with 96 flounder between 1-2 pounds while Eli Pepper and Fred Kramer scored with 75 up to 2½ pounds. Most boats are working the flats between buoys 41-43 and Haven's Point. Blood or sandworms and mussel or clam chum, all working on the fish.

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called Sunday a fantastic day all the way around with both the weather and fish combining to make it the best weekend of the spring. Loads of flounder in the 1-1¾ pound range with a few bigger fish mixed in. Largest of the weekend was a 2¼ pounder. Boats are working between buoys 42-43 and Haven's Point with few rentals returning on Sunday with less than 50 flatties. Best score of the day belonged to Curt Beltzer and John, Alice and John (Jr.) Mitchell. Anchored up NE of buoy 43, the foursome labored away to the tune of 140 fish.

"Excellent flounder fishing, particularly on the top half of incoming water," said Larry Dallaire of **L & M Marine** in **East Moriches**. Plenty of big catches came into the station on Sunday with large fish (1-2 pounds) predominating. Scene of the action has been on the flats between Haven's Point and buoys 41 and 42.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

"Lots of nice flounder taken this week with Sunday being one of the better days." This from Eddie Matejceck of **Capt. Andy's Fishing Station** in **Mastic Beach**. Boats scored well in any number of spots, among them buoys 15 and 17, 20-23 and buoy 12 on the west side of the Smith Point Bridge. A number of flatties in the 2 pound range were weighed from among the scores. Also, Eddie saw a small weak taken by a flounder fisherman and reported the first showing of blue claw crabs, also taken by flounder fishermen.

Bill Darmstadt checked in a catch of 25 flounder to 1¾ pounds and a blue claw crab at Paul Graniello's **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** on Sunday. Bill told Paul the fish were taken on the west side of the Smith Point Bridge. He used sandworms and clam chum. Paul heard from several sources that plenty of mackerel were taken 15-20 miles SW of Fire Island Inlet. Several unconfirmed weakfish reports but no one brought any in for weighing. On the freshwater side, Steve Masso Sr. used small black nymphs to take his 5 fish limit of 10-11" brown trout from Patchogue's West Lake.

Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that Saturday's stiff wind made for a relatively quiet day but Sunday was another story. Very good flounder fishing was reported from West Channel, Dickerson Channel and the north end of Snakehill Channel. South Beach in the vicinity of the lighthouse produced as well. As for weakfish, no one checked in any tiderunners but reliable sources told of seeing at least a few fish in the 4-5 pound range taken in West Channel on Sunday. Best trout fishing in Bubbles and Rattlesnake confirmed to after dark or very early AM hours.

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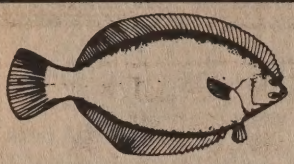

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being taken near the Lilco outflow in Northport but very few are over the 24" minimum size limit. Bruce Newmark of Jet Air Products (G-96 Brand) nailed an 11 pound striper at Cold Spring Harbor on a Rebel plug, Sunday.

Irene Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** looked over a nice catch of flounder made in West Channel by James Dolan on Sunday. She weighed the largest of the batch at 2.4 pounds. Mackerel were thick Sunday south and west of the NB Buoy. Schools were spread from 90' to 130' of water. Irene reminded that the store's annual Weakfish Derby is underway through June 30th. First prize is a custom rod and fish must be weighed at Peppy's.

It was left to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** to provide the first official weakfish report. Carl told of Oakdale Sportsmans Club member Larry Oehler who teamed with Denise McCarthy to put 3 weaks up to 8 pounds aboard his "Unexpected". This was at Ocean Beach on Sunday. Larry told Carl that red jellyworms fished on a flooding tide accounted for the fish. Three others were dropped. Carl put in a word for the local floundering which he described as "real good." Flood tide has been best in West Channel and off of Saltaire. The tackleman also managed some fishing time this week. Teaming with Harry Miller, Kenny Chapvisat, and Roy Carbone aboard Harry's "Razzberry," the group put over 1000 pounds of big Bostons into the skiff. Site of the action was 14 miles SW of F.I. Inlet in 100' of water. New hours fro the shop will be 6AM to 8PM, Monday thru Saturday and 6AM to 5PM on Sundays.

"Super flounder action," reported Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee**. Very good fishing all week and weekend with nice size fish the rule. The skipper has been working Dickerson's Channel, a 20 minute ride from the dock.

And at **Captree**, open and charter boats both made hay with the abundant flatties. Excellent scores were reported from range and East Channels to the east, West and Dickerson Channels, the State Channel and along South Beach from the old lighthouse, east to Ocean Beach. The fish are funneling towards the south side of the bay and eventually the inlet. This massing of fish should yield some real super action over the next few weeks. Private boatmen would do well to plan on mixing in a couple of hours of flatfishing during their weakfish forays.

Capt. Carl Passero of the **Jib VI** labelled Friday the finest kind of fishing. A small crowd (7 fares) did a job on the fish. Among the lucky ones were Bob and Ed Gander who counted 75 flatties between them. The weekend half day trips were very productive with the exception of Saturday morning when strong west winds created difficult conditions before

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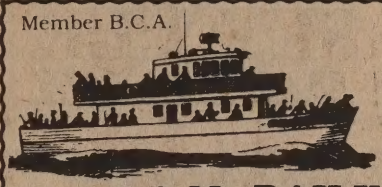

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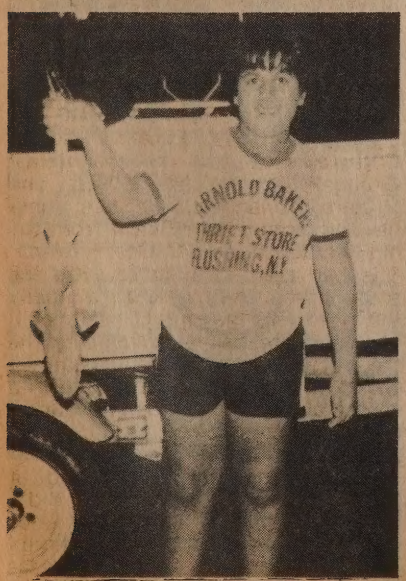

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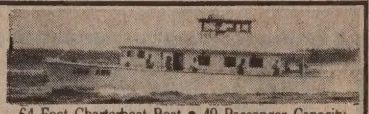

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Even Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat, **Capt. Joseph II**, a skipper with a reputation for tempering his fishing reports, was excited about the current flounder action. He expects super fishing for the next couple of weeks based on the tremendous numbers and spread of fish working their way through the bay. Hi-hook for the week was Warren Moore with 60 flatties. On Wednesday, Ed Einsidler and his wife corralled 54 big flounder returning anything not big enough for the fillet table. Hi-hook on Wednesday was Paul Rasi with 37 fish. Arlan Alan had 29 same day. On Sunday, Henry Clark, another of those selective about what goes into the bucket, kept 32 nice fish. Just how thick the flounder are was proven by Virginia Kilgore on Sunday. While waiting for a friend to return from a mackerel trip on another boat, Virginia idled away the hour by catching a half dozen flatties including several in the one pound range. Charlie reminded that if there is a decent showing of weaks, he will be sailing evenings at 5 PM beginning this Saturday. Give him a call at 516-269-9656 to be sure.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat, **Captree Queen II** was equally enthused about the flounder picture. Excellent fishing was the rule all week with mixed size fish. Plenty of good size fish make up the scores.

Aboard the charter boat **Prime Time**, Capt. Tom McKinley showed a group from H.H.H. High School headed by Ann Dingham, some fine flounder fishing on Friday. He fished the Babylon Cut.

Capt. Ed Laske of the **Captree** charter boat, **Dixie** added his voice to extolling the excellent flounder action. He did very well over the weekend working both East and West Channels.

"Loads of flounder this week," said Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**. Fred said that boatmen did a job on the fish in the Babylon Cut, the north end of Snake Hill Channel and West Channel. Gaspar Garaputa of the Karen E worked over the fish all week long, taking up to 90 flatties per trip. His largest was taken on Tuesday. It weighed 2.9 pounds. No weakfish weighed in but a couple of private boatmen reported dropping fish in West Channel. Mackerel were thick on Sunday in 100' of water SW of F.I. Inlet. The boats **three sons** and **Fast Eddie** both loaded up with over 1000 pounds of macs.

The **Babylon** open boat **Miss Babylon** reported excellent flounder fishing in the state channel with a few small fluke beginning to mix in. Three members of the Vespoli family accounted for over 150 flounder on Saturday. Also on Saturday, the Babylon charter boat **Pooka V** reported a catch of 450 flounder for members of the 1421 Fishing Club.

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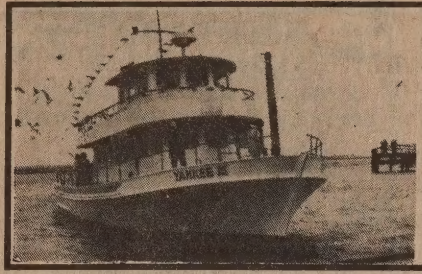

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Mike Andreani spoke of excellent flounder fishing. Typical of the weekend's scores were John and Bill Bogenshutz and Bill Scotti who combined for 60 flatties in the State Channel on Sunday. Mackerel were thick in 100' of water south and southwest of F.I. Inlet on Sunday.

It was Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** who relayed word of that huge weakfish mentioned earlier. Al Speehr boated the 16.3 pound tiderunner in West Channel on Sunday. The huge yellowfin which fell for a red jellyworm was paired with another 5 pounder. Ralph also had several fine flounder catches to report. Despite Saturday's wind, George McCarthy bagged 66 flatties in Dickerson Channel. Al Smith had 45 flatties in the same place and also told of having big weakfish follow hooked flatties to the boat on a couple of occasions. The biggest flounder, also made on Saturday, belonged to Jim Braun and 6 friends who racked up 250 flounder in the State Channel opposite Lindenhurst. Bill Miller and John Namoli aboard Bill's Gannet loaded up with mackerel in 60' of water south of F.I. Inlet during the week. Ralph looked over an impressive catch of blackfish caught by Gary Warner and his brother. Fishing over an inshore wreck the pair kept only 15 of their largest fish. Included were tautogs of 8.2, 7.4, 6.5 with the rest of the catch falling into the 5 pound range. They used green crabs. Also word of some blackfish being taken from the Sore Thumb.

Lou Rosado of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** relayed word of good flounder fishing on the east side of Fox Creek. In the mackerel department Rich Pristero of the store ran his Tomejo 18 miles SW of F.I. Inlet to 100' of water and put away over 200 mackerel in 2 hours time. This was on Sunday.

Mort Weiner of Fort Lee, N.J. alongside the 48 lb. barracuda he decked during a recent trip on a Florida drift boat. With him is his good friend Mike O'Grady. Both are subscribers to The Fisherman.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Thanks to the warmer weather and warmer sea temps flounder fishing has really taken off while blackfishing continues to improve tremendously daily. The mackerel are close to western south shore major inlets in droves and are biggies.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From Capt. Brian of the Seaford open boat **Chinco III** comes the call that the area really broke loose this week whe n the wind died down. High hooks were in the 40s during the week and in the 30s on the weekend. Mussel has been working best and the flatties have been mostly from 3/4 to 2 lbs., with pool fish usually 2 lbs. plus. Still warmer weather will have the larger fish coming off the flats into the deeper water for even better catches.

From **Geri/Bob's Fishing Station** came word of Harold Bunks and his 60 flatties to 2½ lbs. taken at 4 Corners this week. Jerry Passaretti and Frank of the Skipper Restaurant in Rockville Centre scored with nearly 1,000 macks in 100 feet of water south of Fire Island Inlet this week, using bunker chum to hold the fish. The rental fleet out of the station had from 20 to 40 flounder per boat with best fishing at 4 Corners, Squaw Island and the black banks all on both tides.

Captain Sig of the charter boat **3 Sea-Sons** called to say that he has just splashed in for the season and he still has a good number of choice dates available but to book early as the best dates go very quickly. See ad for details.

From **Pop's Fishing Station** came a call telling of Saturday not being too swift due to the wind. Sunday was a much better day for the skiff fishermen. Joe and Jimmy Evaussa from Queens had 190 flounder on worms bait with very heavy mussel chumming. Bruce Gebhardi of Ridgewood Queens hoisted over 95 flatties of the keeper vairiety on worm and mussels on flooding tide at buoy 13.

The word from **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** is of very good flounder fishing right through Sunday with the top of the tide best at Squaw and West Islands, Massapequa Cove, Wanser's Cut and 4 Corners. Heavy chumming is the key to success. Most fish ran 3/4 to 2 lbs. and Lon says he weighed in a lot of 2 lbers. Fiddlers are

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producing good catches of blackfish at the bridges, particularly at the big Meadowbrook.

We hear from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** of a fair number of quality flounder in Fundy Bay and in Merrick Bay on worms on a flooding tide. Though the quantity is not astounding, the size is very good and don't forget the chum.

At **Nick's Fishng Station in Merrick** George told of the good flounder fishing in Neds and Broad Creeks. Lot of chum was very important to good catches. Worms and mussels as hook bait did the trick.

Swinging over the boats out of **Freeport**, we learn from the **Capt. Al** of the fantastic mackerel slaughters his fare have been having every day this week with big Bostons up to 10½ lbs. For the last few days the fish have been hanging in close to the Jones inlet vicinity. Sunday's high hooks had 140 macks, and there's nothing under 1½ lbs.

From the **Starstream II** we've also learned that the mackerel fishing couldn't be better with anglers filling up burlap sacks with no big problem with big Bostons, just a short ride from the jetty.

Over 700 lbs. of mackerel were taken by a charter Sunday aboard Capt. Dan Polara's **Nan-Sea** by 11AM. The day was rounded off following this with some blackfishing on a local inshore wreck which also yielded some sea bass.

Aboard the **Capt. Lou Fleet**, skipper Mike Danon told of Tuesday's catch of 49 flouner by Pat Perillo. Thursday with Capt. Mike Gross at the helm, John DeRosa of Valley Stream had 74 flatties, Frank Burke of Richmond Hill had 41 and Martin Mack of Floral Park hoisted 31. Friday saw Hy Brown of New Hyde Park with 37, Herb Schwartz of Long Beach with 35 flounder while on Sunday aboard the **CL III** Muriel Baglevy was happy with 37 flatties. Aboard the half day boat **CL V** with Capt. Doug doing the honors on Monday Gil Flori of Bayside was high hook with 23 fish. Tuesday Harry Amstending hoisted 25. On Friday's PM trip Howrd Goldstein had 26 fish, Bob Schimmel had 23 and Lou Scharlop of LIC brought 32 keepers over the rail. Saturday John Sasala and two pals shared 56 fish while Dom Stlendorio had 45. Sunday's PM trip saw Joe Martin and son with 60 flatties. Congrtulation to Mike Gross who has entered a partnership with Capt. Gary Neglia on their new **Capt. Gary**, chartering out of Freeport.

A call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's flounder trip for the Elliot Wax group. Elliot was high hook with many drops made in Reynolds. Sunday's trip for the Dennis Cahaill group saw Len Podmore high hook. Lots of drops in Reynolds and in the inlet produce better flounder fishing that day with a total of 60 good keepers. Worms work best ad did incoming waters.

The word from Larry at **Mako Marina** is of solid mackerel catches in 100 feet of water s/SE of Jones Inlet, aboard the Psyce's Twist. Steve Ross on his boat Seafarer had 80 macks fishing 80 miles south of Cholera. Steve Wilk fished blackfish at the Meadowbrook and Fundy Bridges on his boat Time Out and had a decent catch of blacks to 3 lbs. on fiddlers and clam..

The **Bluefin Fleet** told of excellent mackerel catches on Sunday fishing S/SE of Jones Inlet for big Bostons to 2½ lbs. Very good flounder fishing was also had with pools to 2 lbs. and local blackfishing on the inside to 3 lbs. Eric Schmid of Massapequa (age 10)had his first blackfish ever, a 3 lber. Arturo Gomez of Bayside had a 2 lb. black, while John Smith of Mt. Vernon and Rene Flamel were high hooks for the week. Ralph Flamel was happy with his 1¾ lber.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** Wednesday saw Rick LoCorto of the NY Port Authority Police group have a solid day of mackerel fishing 17 miles south of the Inlet with fish going to 3 lbs. Friday's trip for the 109 Precinct, NYPD fished flounder in Garretts Lead and Reynolds Chanenel and Swift Creek on worm and clam, ending up with decent catch for the Day. Saturday's trip for IBM of Oswego NY fished the same are for flounder and also had a very productive trip, as did Sunday's trip for Ted Agrillo, Bethpage and party. These fish are going up to 1½ lb.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we learn that the **Superspray II** on their daily and late PM mack trips have been having bonanzas every day with fares dragging burlap bags full of mackerel off the boat. The boat has been working fromk Cholera to six miles south thereof. The Association's charter fleet has been working over the mackerel and flounder on the inside getting very good scores on both species. Best area for flounder has been from halfway up Garretts Lead south to Reynolds and all through Reynolds Channel.

Over in **Pt. Lookout** aboard the two trip a day **Capt. Bill** on Tuesday, Carlos Vaitickunas of Freeport landed 30 keepers and on Wednesday Tom Biraidi of Hempstead hoisted 20 good keepers. Herb Ritter on Wednesday had 35 flounder while on Friday Long Beach Angeler Bob Volkonner had 22 flatties. Bob returned Sunday and took high hook honors with 20 flounder. On Saturday Skip Hunnenkamp decked 20 flounder while on Sunday Donele Gere, of Port Washington had 12. Bob Dolconner of Long Beach returned and hoisted 17 more fish. This was all at local drops due south of Freeport.

Aboard the two trip a day **Miss Point Lookout** Captain Ron said this has been the best week of the season thus far for flounder. On most trips, high hooks ranged from 35 to 45 keeper flounder of mixed sizes and with plenty of action for all. On the Wednesday PM trip, Wayne Liberg hoisted 40 flatties while Drew Heitner had 35 keepers including a pool winner. Thursday saw Levittown angler Paul Kramer sailinjg both trips for the day for a total of 62 good flounder. Saturday AM had Bernie Armstrong with 20 and in the PM Tony Villani smiled with 34 fish. Catches seem to be getting better and better. The boat has been working Reynold and Swift Creek with worms working best on both tides.

From the charter boat **Marie III** we learn of Saturday's trip for the Rockville Center FD which worked Reynold for a very good flounder catch to the tune of 20 to 30 keepers a man plus some small scattered blackfish. The AM was best in Swift Creek and the PM in Reynolds. Sunday's trip for the Great Neck Post office had very good flounder catches in the AM in Swift creek with things cooling down in the PM. Catches averaged 10 to 20 fish per man. Pool fish have been in the 1½ lb. class and there are lots of tiny throwbacks still around. Mussel and clam are doing a good job.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of a poor Sasturday with all the winds but things picked up again Sunday with Reynolds Channel and buoys 17 to 19 best. The flats were good, but watch out for low tides if you're going to try them. Also good were Swift Creek and off Short Beach CG station. The bridges are producing blackfish on fiddlers and greenies, especially the Meadowbrook and Loop bridges. Macks in 95 to 100 ft. of water.

Over at **Beckmanns Tackle in Lynbrook**, Charlie told us there's plenty of flounder all over the place. Two customers fishing Baldwin Bay had 160 flounder and then ran out of bait, but only 1/8 of these fish were keepers. The west end of Zachs Bay for another customer produced 85 fish, 95 percent of which were keepers, so be advised that there are different pods of different sized fish swimming around. The larger ones seem to be moving out now into the main channels Also lots of good size blackfish and the bridges and rocks on fiddlers, clam and greenies. Excellent mackerel catches Sunday in as close as 60 ft. of water.

The Island Park open boat **Commodore** told of a pretty good weekend of fish, thought Saturday's action picked up late in the day once the winds eased up. Sunday's catch was excellent with a lot of fish caught, fares averaging 25 a man. Tuesday was also a slaughter though Wednesday slowed. The boat has been fishing Garrets Lead and buoys 16 and 18 in Reynolds. Fish running from 3/4 to 2½ lbs. with most in the 1 lb. class. The larger fish are in the shallower water and are fat. The fish are hitting on both tides with no pattern.

From **Long Beach Sports Marina** came news of outstanding flounder fishing throughout Reynolds Channel during the week. Rental skiffs returned with catches of 20 to 40 fish per boat. Chumming was essential with mussels for the better catches. Rudy and Robert Williams of Jackson Hts

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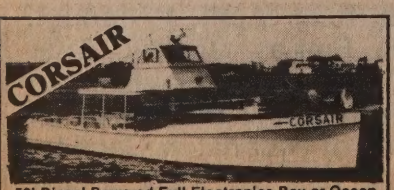

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totalled 30 beatufiul fish to 2 lbs. near the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. John Tripuka and Dennis Ellison fished the buoy 3 area totalling 43 flatties to 2½ lbs. Blackfish at the AB bridge, gon buoy and the T wreck. Tom and Michele Butler fished the T wreck Sunday and caught 15 beautiful blacks to 7½ lbs. Michele caught the 7½ lber. Fiddlers and green crabs did the trick. Two to 3 lb. macks were caught around Cholera in good numbers for those who went for them.

Out of **Atlantic Beach** Capt. Ron Lepper on the charter boat **Kim** advised that the mackerel is just supergreat. Sunday's fishing started at 7AM and was called to a stop by the party at 9:30AM. They were just too arm weary to continued after pulling macks 4 at a time. Friday, just 3 days earlier was also a slaughter. Ronnie will be starting his night bass fishing very soon and still has a few openings available.

From Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** we learn that there are flounder galore all along Reynholds Channel up to 2 lbs. with hotspots Duck Pt., the island park trestle and Magnolia Pier. Incoming has been best with mussel and worm bait accounting mostly for all keeper fish. Blackfish catches at the AB bridge up to 4 lbs. on fiddler and clam and macks just SE of Cholera. Two three lb. blackfish at the jetties fromk Beach 9/35th Street.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway** we learn that flounder seem to be moving into the channels and are hungry while blackfish have invaded the bridges and jetties. Pat O'Grady of Broad Channel caught and weighed in a genuine 3 lb. flounder which he caught along with several other good flounder. Plenty of macks in 100 to 110 ft. of water south of Debs. Plenty of flounder locally just about everywhere and wht's most notable is that there are lot of bigger fish around.

Out of **Howard Beach the** open boat **Capt. Mike** told of very good flounder fishing for his fares throughout the week and weekend with fish mostly 1 lb. plus variety. Pools have been in the 2 lb. class. Fares have been averaging 15 to 25 flounder a man, fishing in 60 to 80 ft of water. Both tides have been productive on mussel and worm hook bait. Action has been in some of the skipper's favorite local drops.

Close to the shores of **Jamaica Bay, Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** informs us that both north and south channel bridges have been producing blackfish to 1¼ lbs. on both tides on fiddlers and clam along with flounder to 1½ lbs. on worms and mussel. Bridge fishermen are averaging 10 to 12 fish a person.

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The Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** contained news of lots of macks being caught by the fleet at Cholera Bank. Flounder have been cooperating nicely off the Cedars, and south east of the jetty at the Tin Can Grounds. Charlie weighed in a 3½ lb.. flounder for Larry Minella of Brooklyn. Also lots of ling at the Cedars. The Wee one advised the blackfishing has been a little picky this week. Corn rigs are doing a job on the flounder in Jamaica Bay.

From the open boat **Zephyr** comes word that Wednesday saw George Kohn with 50 flounder up to 2½ lbs. Bill and Mark Thompson had 70 flounder up to 2½ lbs. between them. While on Friday, Alice Grant had 35 flounder and 25 ling. The weekend also saw good fishing off the Cedars. The whole week was basically good despite the weather.

Over in **Staten Island** Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** told of very good flounder fishing at Great Kills, Annandale, Princess Bay and New Dorp, especially for boat anglers. Those fishing from the surf had good floundering also. A few stripers of mixed sizes are also being caught from sthe New Dorp and Annandale beaches on sand worms in the early eves. Blackfish are available at the jetty areas on fiddlers and clam.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A vicious blow from the northwest wiped out all but the largest boats in the most sheltered areas on Saturday. Sunday, by contrast, was quite comfortable, and flounder scores were good in many places. Blackfishing is just beginning and hook and line mackerel fishing is spotty.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that mackerel were up and down off that port and that

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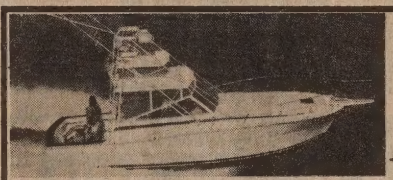
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blackfish were breaking out around Mamoneck rockpiles. Glen Island's Cappy had an honest 1½ pound flounder and many of the local flatties were nice sized.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** reported blackfish just beginning off the Bridge, the Towers, and Harts Island, Floundering was "just great," but no bass to report.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said that blackfish were everywhere off Morgan's Jetty and Weeks Point with green crabs the best bait. Still, off Pryble Pier, steamers and tapeworms were working right along with seaworms for tautog. A few of the fish were in the 4 pound plus category. The wreck outside West Creek had flounder, and mackerel were duly noted in Hempstead Harbor. John Casciola and Dave Watt suggest trying the shore with 4½ inch Rebels and Trifins plus jellyworms for small bass which should be showing any time now.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** had a "fantastic" Sunday with fish in the ¾ pound to 1½ pound class off Eaton's in only 10' of water. Catches to 30 per fare were possible. Even on Saturday, there was a pick of flatties in Oyster Bay with a very few tautog (4-5 for the boat) to 3 pounds as well. The afternoon on Saturday off Lloyds was productive too. Joe Ferrara of the **Sea King** called to say that the boat had 6 blackfish off Eatons along with a number of good size flounder. Half the flatties were throwbacks. Both the Sea King and the **Klondike VIII** expect to start on the macs by next weekend. The big boat from New Rochelle was up in the Cold Spring Harbor area with good flounder results on Sunday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** spoke of mackerel Sunday off the platform and said that flounder fishing was spotty Water temperatures off the beach are

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now 50 degrees. George Valentine at **Four Winds** said that there was a nice pick of flounder from ¾ pounds to 1¾ off Callahan's, Marshall Field, and Eaton's with blackfish on the mussel beds in the 3-5 pound class. No bass off Cold Spring Harbor yet, though.

Mel at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** said that on Sunday, anglers off Target Rock scored with 3-5 pound tautog and that there were some large flounder mixed with the fish off Crab Meadow. Makamah was another blackfish spot worth mentioning.

Bowman's in **Northport** suggested trying Callahans and Fort Salonga for flounder but Tom Bowman himself sampled the flatfish off the Coast Guard Station and picked some 1½ pound fish along with the postage stamps. The Lilco warm water discharge has tons of short bass wit at least 20 throwbacks for every bare keeper.

The Caraftis Fishing Station in **Port Jefferson** said that blackfish were already mixing with flounder off Oldfield. Most of the tautog are in the 2-4 pound range. Larger flounder are off the Cabanas, White Beach, the Pink Mansion and Flax. Sal Gattuso at **Sutler's** told us that there were a few good catches of mackerel off buoy 11 on Saturday afternoon. The pipe had a lot of blackfish in the 1-4 pound class and Conscience Bay and Setauket Harbor still had plenty of smaller flounder.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** reported that Shoreham was still good for flounder with some 3 pound fish off the power plant and fish in the 1 pound class in the harbor. About 50 boats gathered for mackerel on Sunday off Buoy 11, but results were uncertain at press time.

Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** spent Saturday in the Bay off Target Rock, Duck Island and Sand City on quality flounder. Sundays results varied from 6-36 keepers per person with a lot of throwbacks plus a dozen blackfish to 3-4 pounds for some 40 anglers on board. Pete Descovitz of Huntington Anglers won the Sunday flounder pool, while Mark Tracy took blackfish honors. The boat is still on a 3-day sailing schedule and will probably stay with the blackfish with Norwalk flounder to come later.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** was speculating on blackfish around Mattituck Inlet and mackerel near Greenport. Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** said that most boats around the Inlet had 1-3 tautog. The best of the flounder action was off the bungalows and around Duck Pond Point. Friday's best flattie weighed 3¼ pounds and was the biggest fish in a haul of 40. The end of the tides are the best now, and sea robins are just starting to work their way in with the flounder.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** told us

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	4:05	4:55	4:55	5:35	4:45	5:30	5:50	6:25	7:40	8:30	7:35	8:10	4:10	4:45	5/10
FRI.	5:15	5:50	6:00	6:35	5:50	6:25	6:50	7:20	9:00	9:30	8:40	9:05	5:10	5:40	5/11
SAT.	6:15	6:45	7:00	7:25	6:45	7:15	7:45	8:10	10:05	10:20	9:35	9:55	6:05	6:30	5/12
SUN.	7:05	7:30	7:50	8:20	7:40	8:05	8:40	8:55	10:55	11:10	10:30	10:45	6:55	7:20	5/13
MON.	7:55	8:15	8:45	9:05	8:30	8:50	9:30	9:45	11:50	11:55	11:20	11:35	7:45	8:05	5/14
TUES.	8:40	9:00	9:35	9:50	9:20	9:40	10:20	10:30	—	12:35	—	12:10	8:30	8:55	5/15
WED.	9:25	9:45	10:20	10:40	10:10	10:25	11:05	11:15	12:40	1:20	12:25	1:00	9:20	9:40	5/16
THURS.	10:10	10:30	10:05	11:25	11:00	11:15	11:55	12:05	1:25	2:10	1:10	1:45	10:05	10:30	5/17

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Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
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Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
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Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
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Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

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Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

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Jersey City	+0 07
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Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/10	5:45	8:09
FRI. 5/11	5:43	8:10
SAT. 5/12	5:42	8:11
SUN. 5/13	5:41	8:12
MON. 5/14	5:40	8:13
TUE. 5/15	5:39	8:14
WED. 5/16	5:38	8:15

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/10	2:47PM	3:30AM
FRI. 5/11	4:01PM	3:58AM
SAT. 5/12	5:15PM	4:25AM
SUN. 5/13	6:30PM	4:53AM
MON. 5/14	7:44PM	5:22AM
TUE. 5/15	8:58PM	5:56AM
WED. 5/16	10:08PM	6:34AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	1:40	**7:50**	2:00	**8:15**
Fri.	2:30	**8:35**	2:45	**9:00**
Sat.	3:15	**9:20**	3:30	**9:45**
Sun.	4:00	**10:05**	4:15	**10:35**
Mon.	4:50	**10:55**	5:05	**11:20**
Tues.	5:35	**11:45**	5:55	—
Wed.	6:25	**12:10**	6:50	**12:40**
Thurs.	7:20	**1:10**	8:00	**1:45**

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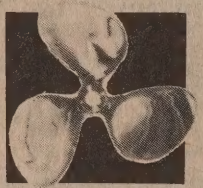

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that Nassau Point's west side was still producing flounder with the South Race worth trying as well. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** detailed some excellent all-round fishing in the eastern Peconics with action for small boats off Dering Harbor, South Ferry, Louies, and Bug Light. No hook and line mackerel have been reported despite lots of fish in the traps. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** says that the shallow mussel beds off Gardiners are beginning to produce blackfish and that the presence of squid in the nets indicates that weaks are due within 10 days. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** said that one catch of 750 pounds of weaks was noted in the traps, but that the trap poundage of weaks has been very low so far. Jensen put a party of 9 onto 79 big flounder off Gardiners on Sunday and had 50 fish there for a group of 27 in Satuday's tempest, before pulling back to finish the day off Bug Light. Worms and mussels produce off Gardiners and anglers should prepare to chum or drift.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time II** called to say that he had good numbers of big fish off Gardiners for 14 anglers on Sunday. Largest snowshoes go over 3 pounds with few below 2 pounds. Clark Bellows intends to work that area, weather permitting, for a good shot this week as well. Petty's Bight has many small flounder, with the bulk of the 1-1½ pound flatties off to the west. George Porter told us that the **Brand X** enjoyed a good late day blast on Sunday off Inlet Point on the Sound with every drift producing. Porter tried Gardiners as well with a showing of quality fish but not quantities enough for a Sunday crowd. Still, the Gardiners season is only beginning.

Pete Izzo got away from the crowd with a party of 6 on the **Boanne** and pulled 18 flatties to 2¾ pounds off Nassau Point. They finished the day with 45 flatfish in the 1-1¼ pound class off Dering Harbor.

Local sources are complaining about a great deal of dragging activity around Gardiner's, especially on Sunday when 6 of the commericials made it seem like "a convention." As a result, both Gardiners and the Sound could get spotty on short notice.

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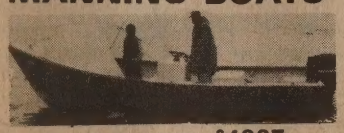

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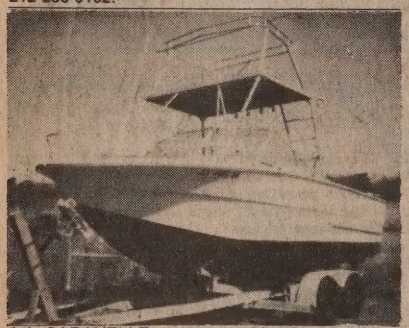

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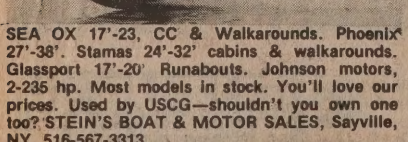

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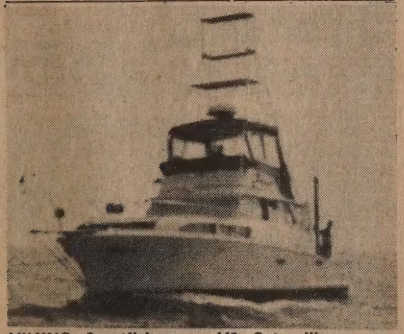

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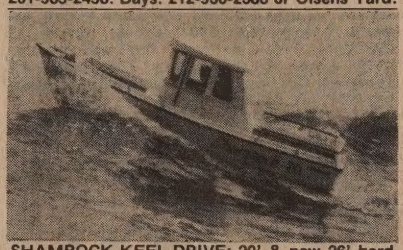

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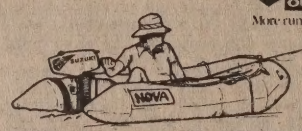

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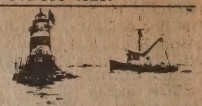

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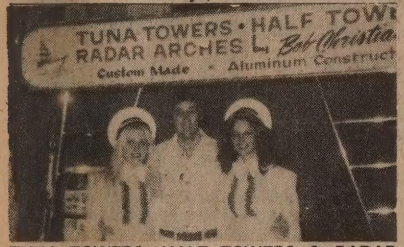

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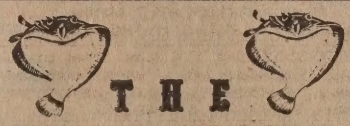

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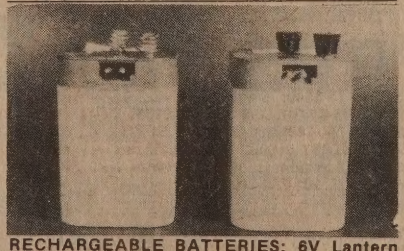

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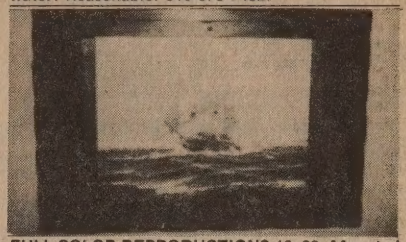

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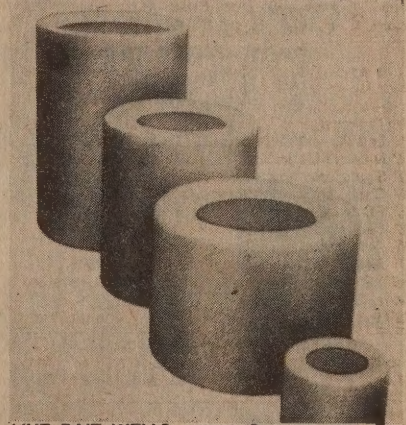

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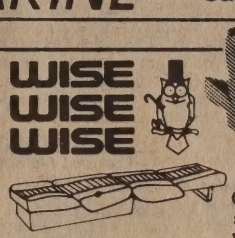

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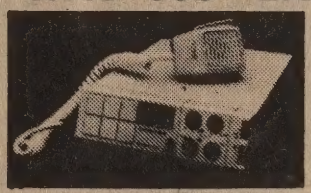

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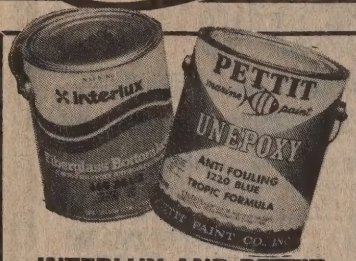

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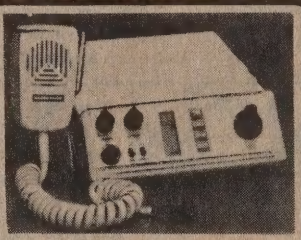

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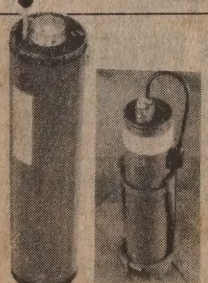

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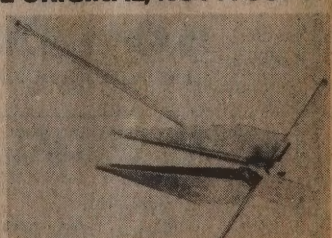

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